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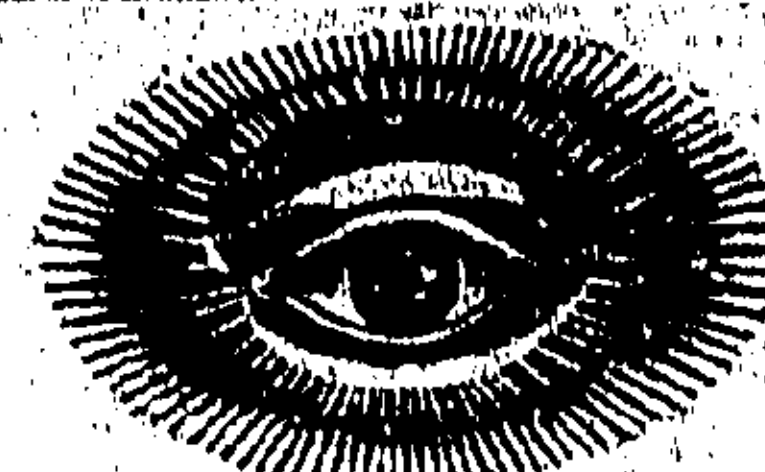
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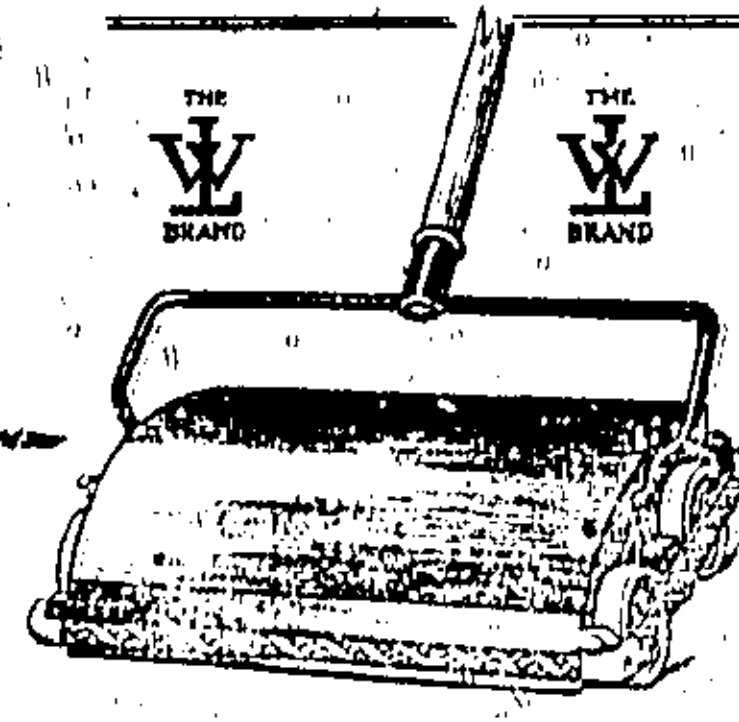
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ANOTHER PIRACY.

Mail Ship Looted and Taken to Bias Bay.

PASSENGERS KIDNAPPED.

Captain Made Prisoner But Later Released.

Another piracy has been added to the long list of pirate out-
rages in this part of the world.
The British steamer "Seang Bee," carrying newspaper mails
from Singapore, is the victim.
The vessel was seized on the high seas in the usual way by the
pirates disguised as passengers.
She was thoroughly looted and taken to the notorious pirate
lair, Bias Bay, where the booty was landed.
The British captain was taken prisoner, but was subsequently
released.
A number of wealthy Chinese passengers returning for the New
Year have been kidnapped.

WEALTHY PASSENGERS.

Pirates Big Haul.

Pirates must have obtained a
large haul when they seized the
British steamer "Seang Bee" and
took her to Bias Bay, where they
took prisoner the master, Captain
G. M. Cotton but subsequently re-
leased him.
At the moment of writing the
ship has not entered the harbour
so that full details are not yet avail-
able.
It is known that the steamer
carried many wealthy passengers
from Singapore and other ports as
well as her usual cargo.
A good many of the travellers,
both cabin, second-class and deck,
were carrying large sums of money,
bound for their homes in and near
Amoy (in Fukien province).
Instructions had been given to
speed up the ship so that the pas-
sengers could land before China
New Year (Wednesday).
Five first-class passengers, be-
lieved to be Chinese, were kidnap-
ped by the pirates.

LATEST DETAILS.

Full Story of the Outrage.

Police officers boarded the ship
on her arrival at the Kowloon
wharf shortly after 1 p.m.,
among them being Mr. T. H. King
(Director of Criminal Intel-
ligence).
Interviewed by a "China Mail"
representative, Mr. D. McNeil,
the Chief Officer, gave the follow-
ing account of the piracy:—
"We were three days out of
Singapore at the time (the morn-
ing of the 27th) and were sitting
down to breakfast at 9.15. The
3rd Officer was on the bridge. All
the other officers were in the
saloon. We heard a bang but
thought that it was one of the
passengers playing about with a
cracker. Evidently it was a signal
for the pirates to act together
for when we looked up we were
covered from all sides of the sal-
oon by a large number of men
armed with revolvers.
Pirates' Threat.
"We had no option but to put
our hands up and surrender. The
men (there were about 60 al-
together, fairly well dressed in
Chinese clothes) intimidated
through several of their number
who could speak English that
there would be no trouble as long
as no ship came to the assistance
of the pirated vessel. If any ship
attempted to interfere, the ship
would be set on fire and they
would all sink together. And
they meant it too, it was obvi-
ous.
"One of the first things they did
was to march us all to our cabins
and make us point out where our
revolvers and other arms were.
This also we did. Then they took
the three wireless operators and
marched them off to a cabin,
keeping guard on them from that
time onwards.
Mails Safe.
"After they had got our arms
from us they marched us back to
the saloon and asked for the
mail-room. There were 246 bags
of mail in all some from Singa-
pore, also the Negapatam news-
paper mail from Europe.
"They demanded the keys of the
mail room and I had to
give them to them. They ap-
peared to have heard that in ad-
dition to our own arms there
were a couple of Winchester re-
peaters and some other revolvers
there, for they began to search

for them at once. Having secured
them they turned their atten-
tion to the mail bags but having
opened one or two and found
chiefly papers and nothing of
value they put them on one side
and left. The mails were not
further touched and were deliv-
ered safe on arrival.
"It was about 12 o'clock that
they allowed the Captain, myself
and the 2nd Officer on to the
bridge to take sights for the
ship's position and from that
time onwards they allowed us to
carry on, always with a guard of
six of them on the bridge, taking
it in watches. They told us to
steer for Bias Bay. There was a
strong N.E. wind blowing at the
time and heavy seas. The fol-
lowing day everything went on all
right and the next day we
found that we would
probably strike Hong Kong
about 6 o'clock on Sunday.
The No. 1 pirate who was a well
dressed and intelligent looking
man, indicated that he did not
want to make Hong Kong before
8 o'clock on Sunday night and or-
dered us to slow down.

Passing Steamer.

"We slowed down and about 4
o'clock on Sunday we picked up
land. In order that the pirates,
who did not understand anything
about navigation, would not be-
come suspicious we took a line
astern and steamed away from it
a bit and kept her going like that
for about two hours. We picked
up Waglan about 7 o'clock on
Sunday evening and on coming
up to get Waglan from a certain
quarter in order to steer for
Medosa island, a ship crossed our
bows and we had to slow down
for her to pass. In order to do so
we had to head right in for Wag-
lan and the pirates began to get
suspicious of what we were going
to do.

Captain Taken Ashore.

"About 18 of them, all armed,
crowded on to the bridge and we
had to take the light of Waglan
aboard and make a course for
Bias Bay. It was 3 o'clock this
(Monday) morning that we ar-
rived there and anchored.
The pirates wanted five boats lowered
but we lowered two and they got
in, taking five of the first-class
passengers with them for pur-
poses of ransom. They also called
for the Captain just as they
were going and took him also.
They allowed him and the boats'
crews to return, however, when
they reached land taking their
booty with them and we immedi-
ately made for Hong Kong, our
wireless operators released from
their cabins, communicating the
news of the piracy to Hong
Kong."

Savings of Years.

The Chief Officer indicated that
there 750 passengers aboard at
the time, many of whom were
taking their years' savings back
to the country at Chinese New
Year. One passenger had been
robbed of \$10,000, the ship's com-
pradore and passenger's compradore
of \$5,000 each and many
others of heavy sums, besides all
personal effects. The pirates in-
dicated that no violence would be
used if there was no resistance
and no resistance actually was
offered.

It is estimated that the haul of
the pirates was over \$100,000.
1,500 tons of general cargo was
not touched.
Kidnapped Passengers.
The names of the passengers
taken away as ransom are:—
Messrs. Goh Ah-kim, Koh Yew-

\$20,000 BAIL.

OPIUM POSSESSION
CHARGE.

ACCUSED REMANDED.

"Two hundred taels—that's
\$2,000 and ten times that is \$20,000.
I am afraid that that is what the
bail must be," said Mr. R. E. Lind,
sell-at the Central Magistracy this
morning when Mr. Peter Grant with
the illegal possession of that quan-
tity of opium. Mr. Horace Lo, de-
fending, applied for a remand as
he had only just been instructed by
the accused's friends. His Worship
said that he would hear the case at
noon on Friday.

tong, Yap Hong-to, Lek Siu-po
and Ng Hai-kim.

The first, third and fourth
were Chinese returning from
Singapore to Swatow. Ng Hai-
kim is a clerk employed at Rang-
oon, returning to Swatow, and
Koh Yew-tong is a Chinese lad
of 14 years of age returning from
Singapore to Amoy.

The names of the officers on
the ship at the time are:—
Captain E. Cotton; Chief Officer
D. McNeil; 3rd Officer P.
Callan; Chief Engineer E. P.
Lee; Ship's Doctor Dr. Carlos;
2nd Engineer J. B. Jones; 3rd
Engineer C. Bellotti; 4th Engi-
neer J. Rankin; Wireless Opera-
tors T. R. Stevenson, F. Rhodes,
and W. B. Charlton.

ATTACK LAUNCHED.

Before Reaching Hong Kong.

From the local agents, Messrs.
Tuen Kee Hong of Nam Pak Hong,
the China Mail learned that the
boat sailed from Hong Kong and
Penang. She left Singapore on
Jan. 24.

She was expected on Saturday,
the owners of the "Seang Bee" line
(Messrs. Lim Brothers) having ex-
pressed a wish that she be cleared
as soon as possible, so that she
might arrive in Amoy before Wed-
nesday.

It is believed that the attack was
launched before reaching Hong
Kong waters. After the pirates
had left in two of the steamer's life-
boats, a wireless message was sent
through to Hong Kong.

Very early this morning, the
Police woke up Mr. To Sze-tuen
(principal of Messrs. Tuen Kee and
a highly respected merchant) and
set off with him in a police launch
to meet the returning "Seang Bee".

Mr. To gave evidence of character
on behalf of one of the defendants
who went to Amoy to buy stone for
the late Mr. Ho Fook's grave, and
who was discharged at the Magis-
tracy.

Police Search.

To-day a batch of about thirty
typical Fokienese or Swatow emi-
grants to Malaya were taken up to
Central Station from the water-
front. These are surmised to have
been removed from the "Seang Bee"
and marched with their luggage
etc., to headquarters for examina-
tion.

At first it was intended that the
boat should go to mooring No. 26
in the harbour, but the Police chose
one of the Kowloon wharves in-
stead to facilitate search and scruti-
nizing.

Rumours were current yesterday,
on the non-arrival of the "Seang
Bee," that she was going direct to
Amoy to discharge her passengers
first and there was considerable
anxiety in Hong Kong on the part of
people expecting passengers or
cargo. Normally she should have
arrived on Saturday, or yesterday
at the latest, with the London paper
mail of Dec. 30 via Nagapatam.

Captain Cotton, who was forced
into a lifeboat by the pirates and
subsequently released, has been for
many years in the "Seang Bee".
There are the usual number of British
deck and engine-room officers.

In previous years the "Seang Bee"
had a good many boats plying to
Hong Kong from the South but the
"Seang Bee" is now the only one.
She is easily recognisable by her
four masts, her yellow funnel and
old-type of bow.

Lloyd's register gives the follow-
ing particulars:—
Length: 445.5 feet; 5,849 tons re-
gistered; 5,088 tons gross; 3,764
tons net; steel twin-screw steamer;
formerly the "Shropshire", built by
Messrs. Harland & Wolff, Ltd., at
Belfast in 1899; British registry;
owner, Mr. Ong Keng-seng of
Rangoon; registered at Hong Kong
on Nov. 1, 1926.

Boats of the "Seang Bee" class
often carry more than a thousand
passengers on the up trip and the
number this time must have been
well up to average on account of
China New Year.

Bias Bay is to the north-east of
Hong Kong. Amoy is much fur-
ther north.

UNSAFE CHINA.

Japanese to Evacuate
Changsha?

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

The following wireless mes-
sages have been received by the
naval authorities:
Trouble is being experienced at
Wanhsien with regard to coal
supplies. A coal contractor has
been placed under arrest for sup-
plying the s.s. "Kikswa".
Troop movements at Ichang
continue, large numbers leaving
down river for Hankow. All
ships were commandeered on
Saturday. Two British ships
were cleared of troops and the
engines dismantled.
Japanese women and children
at Changsha have been ordered

THIRD \$50 PRIZE.

The "China Mail's" third \$50
cross-word puzzle competition is
published to-day. Full details
are given on page three of this
issue.

to stand-by prior to evacuation.
Hankow remains quiet. An
Italian ship arrived yesterday
loaded with troops.
Labour troubles are expected
after Chinese New Year.

Difficulty has been experienced
with regard to the running of the
Customs launch at Kiukiang and
the Commissioner of Customs has
decided to close down.
The cargo godowns it was pro-
posed to open on board a hulk
for the benefit of consignees have
not yet been opened.

A GROWING NEED.

CHRISTIANITY IN THE NEW
TERRITORIES.

LOCAL APPEAL LAUNCHED.

Mr. Liu Pak-shing, a Chinese
pastor, made an eloquent appeal for
support of Christian work in the
New Territories at Union Church,
Kowloon last night, explaining that
he became a Christian twenty years
ago and as a result was forced to
leave his home at Lo Wu owing to
the ill-feeling of those opposed to
the spread of Christian teaching.

In a small hut on the hillside, the
speaker stated, he started to teach
Christianity, and since its com-
mencement the movement has
grown until at the present time
more and better accommodation was
needed. It was on behalf of this
work that he appealed for assis-
tance.

The Rev. H. R. Wells, who inter-
preted for Mr. Liu, remarked that
he had known the speaker for be-
tween twelve and fifteen years and
was acquainted with the remarkable
work he was doing.

The Rev. J. Horace Johnston,
pastor of Union Church, Kowloon,
spoke in support of the appeal and
intimated that surplus Sunday
School funds would be devoted to
the work, with collections, through
the Hong Kong and New Territories
Evangelistic Society.

STIR IN CITY.

EXCHANGE BUILDING
FIRE.

OUTBREAK QUICKLY SUPPRESSED.

Believed to have been caused
through a cigarette end having
been thrown into a waste-paper
basket, a small fire, which broke
out in Exchange Building, attract-
ed a large crowd of sight-seers to
Des Voeux Road Central last
night.

The fire broke out at the back
of the third storey in a room oc-
cupied by the American Milk Pro-
ducts Company. Within a few
minutes of the alarm being raised
fire-fighting appliances from Ken-
nedy Town, Wanchai and Central
Stations were on the scene.
Supt. Brooks, who was in charge,
however found that the internal
equipment was capable of dealing
with the outbreak and it was
therefore unnecessary to connect
the street hydrant.

The outbreak was extinguished
within a few minutes, diners at
Lane Crawford's restaurant re-
suming their interrupted meal.

UNION WATERBOATS.

GOOD YEAR DESPITE
TROUBLES.

INCREASED CHARGES.

In spite of another difficult year
as regards shipping, a good work-
ing profit was reported as having
been made as the result of economies
at the annual meeting this morning
of the Union Waterboat Company
Ltd.

Increased charges to meet the
increased in cost of water indicated
in the Budget speech were also
referred to.
Mr. T. G. Weall presided over the
meeting, other members of the Con-
sulting Committee present being:
the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang; Mr. A. L.
Shilds and Mr. S. Kinoshita. In
addition to the Secretary, Mr. D. E.
de Sousa, there were present the
following shareholders: Messrs. F.
Syme Thomson, L. G. St. Dunwald,
R. M. Smith, G. R. Edwards, A. D.
Humphreys, C. Mose, W. E. van
Eps, and C. F. Ribeiro.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman spoke as fol-
lows:—
After writing down value of your
fleet of waterboats and launch on
approximately the same scale as in
the past to the extent of \$15,000—
as recommended by the Consulting
Committee—there remains, with the
balance brought in from last ac-
count, the sum of \$51,292.38 for ap-
propriation.

It is proposed to make the follow-
ing allocations:—
Pay a dividend of \$1.25 \$ 84,653.75
on 27,723 shares \$ 5,000.00
Add to Insurance Fund 5,000.00
Add to Special Repairs 5,000.00
Carry Forward 6,688.63
\$ 51,292.38

which I hope will have your ap-
proval.

Once more the year under review
has been abnormal and the number
of ships visiting Hong Kong has
been below the average. The ton-
nage of water supplied amounted to
500,000 tons, being only slightly
better than 1925 and about 120,000
tons less than 1924. Economies
have been effected, notably in fuel,
with the result that the working
profit @ \$58,466.45 is about \$12,000
more than in 1924.

Your fleet has been maintained in
good condition but repairs to the
older boats are of necessity more
costly, hence our appropriation of
\$5,000—for special overhauls.

It is recommended that Insurance
Fund be increased to \$55,000—by
the addition of \$5,000—which is
considered a wise precaution in
view of the age of part of your
fleet making it impossible to fully
insure in case of total loss.

The Government Basin at Lai Chi
Kok is now in operation
and is a great improvement over
our previous temporary piling.

You will notice the comparative-
ly large sum we have accumulated
in liquid assets which may call for
explanation. Five of your boats
and the launch are well over twenty
years old and a rebuilding pro-
gramme will be necessary as soon
as the present troublous state of
affairs is over. The assets stored
up will meet the replacement of
only three boats.

Those of you who read the
Budget speech for 1927 will have
observed that the Government has
increased the cost of water supplied
to waterboats from 50 cents to \$1
—per 1,000 gallons. In conse-
quence, it has been necessary to
make an increase in our charge for
water of 10 cents per ton and al-
though this does not fully recom-
pense the Company we are hoping
that increased demand and econo-
mies may enable us to show as
good Returns as in the past. This
policy has been adopted in view of
the very difficult times through
which the Shipping of this part of
the World is passing.

I don't think there are any other
points calling for comment and I
therefore propose that the report
and accounts as presented be adopt-
ed. After this has been seconded
I shall be pleased to answer to the
best of my ability any question
shareholders may wish to ask.

Other Business.

The adoption of the report and
accounts was seconded by Mr. van
Eps and carried.

The confirmation of the appoint-
ment to the Consulting Committee
of Mr. C. J. Quarles van Ufford was
proposed by Mr. G. R. Edwards,
seconded by Mr. R. M. Smith and
carried.

The re-election of Messrs.
Linstead and Davies as auditors for
the ensuing year at a remuneration
of \$300 was proposed by Mr. Syme
Thomson, seconded by Mr. A. B.
Humphreys and carried.

The Chairman announced that
dividend warrants were now ready
and could be obtained on applica-
tion at the outside office.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

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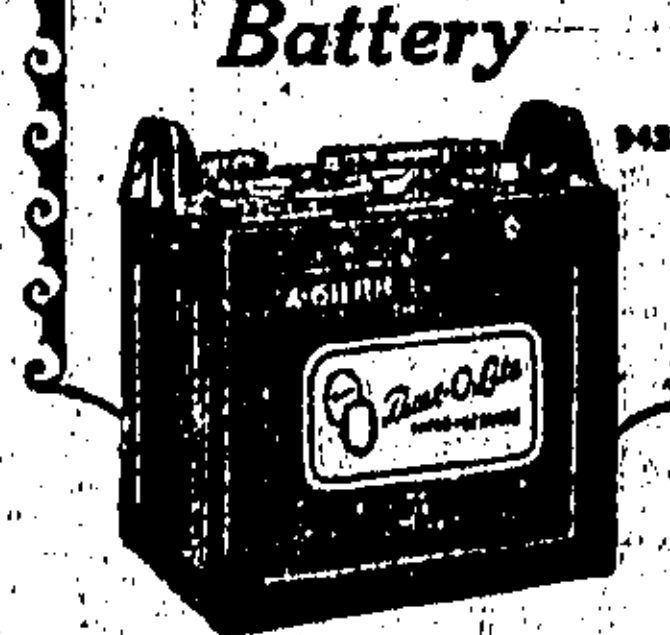
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BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 2nd and 3rd February, 1927.
Hong Kong, 27th January, 1927.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS' GUILD and MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA

IT IS NOTIFIED for general information that, on and after 1st February 1927, the Offices of these GUILDS will be situated at 67, Des Voeux Road, Central, (corner of Pottinger Street) Entrance in Pottinger Street.

T. T. LAURENSEN,
Branch Secretary, C.C.O.G.
W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary, M.E.G.C.
Hong Kong, 29th January, 1927.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on MONDAY, the 31st January, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to 31st January, 1927, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 18th January, 1927.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 29th Jan., 1927.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to announce that we have opened branches in Honan, Shamen, Canton, No. 11, Yee Ma Lo, West Bund, 1st floor and at No. 15, On Wo Lee, West Bund, undertaking the shipping of cargoes in launches and steamers running from Canton to Wuchow, Kungmoon and Hong Kong. We guarantee the safe arrival of all cargo and hold ourselves responsible for any damage that may occur charging a very moderate rate. Indian watchmen will look to the loading and unloading of cargoes.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Society, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Society shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the words "Society" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(3) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—
Place of Directors' Meetings.
"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(4) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) "in the fourth line thereof between the word 'purposes' and the word 'and,' the following words be inserted 'outside the Colony of Hong Kong.'"

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.15 p.m. when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Company shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2) That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—
Votes of Members.
"80. On a show of hands every member present shall have one vote, and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him. No member not personally present shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands, unless such member is a 'proxy' or a company present by a representative duly authorised by Section 69 of Ordinance No. 53 of 1911, in which case such proxy or representative may vote on the show of hands as if he were a member of the company."

(3) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "company" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the company shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(4) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—
Place of Directors' Meetings.
"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(5) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) "in the fourth line thereof between the word 'purposes' and the word 'and,' the following words be inserted 'outside the Colony of Hong Kong.'"

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite

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majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Fire Insurance Company Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.30 p.m. when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

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Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

FIFTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON

SATURDAY, 5th February,
at 9.15 p.m.

THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS:

15 Round Contest for Middleweight
Championship of the Colony

A. B. EWING
H.M.S. "Hermes"

STOKER NORMAN MORRIS
H.M.S. "Hermes"

Also
10 Round Lightweight Contest

L. S. HALL
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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd February, and THURSDAY, the 3rd February, all Departments will be CLOSED.

On these days, The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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Hong Kong, 31st January, 1927.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"ZANDER THE GREAT" TO-DAY.

Perhaps never in her career has Miss Davies been so admirably cast as in the role of "Mamie," the demure, whimsical yet humorous heroine of "Zander the Great."

A different angle and a new twist has been given the play by the introduction of several comedy characters, who divide the picture equally into two portions—one devoted exclusively to the comedy element and the other to an epic drama of the West.

The quick moving plot is punctuated with the swift action of cowboys, bandits and run-runners, who engage in a battle in the Mojave desert.

This provides the western sequence which is enacted against the walls of high mountains and on the broad expanse of desert, with a sandstorm of blinding intensity.

With Holbrook Blinn, Harrison Ford, Hobart Bosworth, Harry Myers, Harry Watson, Jr., Richard Carle, Emily Fitzroy, Jack Huff Hedda Hopper and others in the cast "Zander the Great" moves dramatically, yet with many humorous touches to relieve it. It is a Cosmopolitan production released by Metro-Goldwyn and is something different for blasé picturegoers.

AT THE STAR.

"THE RUNAWAY EXPRESS" TO-DAY.

This story concerns the efforts of Joe Foley to win the love of Nora Shannon and there is a "kick" climax that is so hair-raising and stirring that it will spall the pleasure of those who have yet to see the picture, by divining its nature.

Suffice it to say that for a pulse-throbbing story, a great cast and masterly direction, "The Runaway Express" has seldom been excelled. The production was made in its entirety upon the very site of that in the original story, "The Nerve of Foley," by Frank Spearman.

Jack Daugherty, hero of numberless chapter plays, is the leading player. His characterisation of the young engineer is flawless. His cheerful smile and wholesome appearance make him ideal in this characterisation.

Blanche Mehaffey, if anything, is sweeter than she was in "His People." As the pretty Irish waitress, could be better suited in part. She scores a pronounced success.

Harry Todd, Charles K. French, William A. Steele, Madge Hunt and Tom O'Brien are all convincing in their delineations and several of the minor players stand out in their small parts.

The photography by Virgil Miller is consistently good and credit should be given Director Edward Sedgwick for turning out a screen.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE ETERNAL STRUGGLE" TO-DAY.

The cast of "The Eternal Struggle" is in keeping with the superior direction, for each one of the players is a top-notch actor who could star in an ordinary production. Renee Adoree, as Andree Grange, the tempestuous little French Canadian, gives a performance that ranks her among the great Pat O'Malley, as the devil-may-care Bucky O'Hara, does some of the best work of his career, while Barbara La Marr, as Camille Lenox, is cast as an adventuress, gives a superb performance. Earle Williams, Wallace Beery, Josef Swickard and Anders Randolph complete the list.

Tussles and thrills peppered with romance and adventure keep the story moving at a great rate. There are splendid fights and a sensational thrilling canoe chase down a rocky gorge through which a river foams and roars. There are Canadian mountains and forests for backgrounds.

The story, on adaptation of G. B. Lancaster's famous novel, "The Law-Bringers," is an unusual one. And it carries interest all the way, with the tension never lessened to the thrilling climax. This big thrill is the rescue of the girl and her "man" when the pair are shown shooting the treacherous rapids. When their frail canoe is finally overturned, they are carried along by the swift current to almost certain death in the falls.

AMOY TROUBLE.

DEAD BABIES IN FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS.

FULL OFFICIAL BOARD.

How dead babies were wrapped in foreign newspapers for the purpose of causing anti-foreign riots at Amoy is related in the following statement, dated January 20, which has been officially received in Hong Kong from Amoy.

The British steamer "Haiching" of the Douglas Laprak line arrived in Amoy on the morning of Jan. 18 bringing a number of Dominican Spanish and American refugees Catholic missionaries from Foochow and French Sisters from Pagoda with some of their servants and Chinese children.

The first intimation the British Consul received of any trouble was about 1.30 p.m. when the French Consul (also Senior Consul) telephoned that he and the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs were going on board the "Haiching" to investigate the case of certain Chinese from the Orphanage wanted by the Foochow authorities. The British Consul therefore accompanied them on board. Captain (really Admiral) Lin, the principal authority there, also sent his A.D.C. and naval officers to prevent trouble and to look into the matter together with Chinese Police.

Agitators Make Trouble.

As the investigation proceeded a number of Chinese students came on board, and when the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs decided that only two of the children need be landed, as being obviously orphans under legal age, the students, and certain older persons who were obviously agitators, raised an outcry and held a meeting among themselves on deck. A certain well-known labour agitator was also seen talking to the crew apparently trying to get them to leave the ship. Some foreigners who wished to go ashore were stopped at the gangway by Chinese of the student or teacher class. To make sure the British Consul himself made an attempt to go ashore in the Post Office motor launch with a similar result. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs was in no better case and was obviously helpless having no means of communicating with Captain Lin on shore.

Compromise Reached.

The only man who was able to handle the situation was Captain Lin's A.D.C., Mr. Ho Chih-sing, who acted as spokesman of the Authorities and explained to the students what it was proposed to do. After the students had demanded that all the missionaries be landed as well as the Chinese children, and had been told that that was impossible, a compromise was effected by one of the Spanish Dominicans offering to remain as representative in Amoy to give any evidence required. The students then left the ship, with police, orphans etc., and boats were permitted to come alongside to take off those wishing to go ashore, the ship sailing at 4.15 p.m. instead of the scheduled time of 4 o'clock.

Danger of a Boycott.

There is no doubt that serious trouble might easily have arisen, and at one time the Captain of the ship wished to close the grilles shutting off the students and agitators in one part of the ship, and then heaving up anchor. As this would undoubtedly have started another boycott the British Consul did not consent and Mr. Ho, above-mentioned, with great ability effected a fairly satisfactory compromise.

In anticipation of trouble at Swatow, the British Consul gave authority for the ship to sail direct for Hong Kong which was fortunate, as the Kuomintang representatives there subsequently telegraphed orders to arrest the Spanish missionaries as soon as the ship arrived there.

Driven Out By Mob.

A Spanish missionary belonging to the local mission was hustled by the mob and had to take refuge in the Chinese Police Station on the Amoy side. The Fathers and Sisters in the Spanish Mission also on the Amoy side were driven out by the mob and took refuge on the American "S. Consuelo" which was then in port.

The Chinese Police paraded the ten children from the ship through the streets on the Amoy side with a placard reported as bearing the inscription—Orphans rescued from the Spanish Missionaries by the Police. This wording may be intended to show the students that the Police are quite capable of taking the necessary steps without the help of the students, and not really be directed against the foreigners as it might appear.

Dead Babies.

Dead babies wrapped in foreign newspapers were planted on the foreshore of Kilaung, doubtless to give the impression that they were orphans from Foochow thrown overboard from the "Haiching."

To forestall malicious propaganda the Chinese authorities have been called upon in each case to hold an inquest in the presence of their own doctors as well as Municipal medical officers. This counter-action seems to have been successful, as everything is quiet at the moment, except for anti-British boycott agitation.

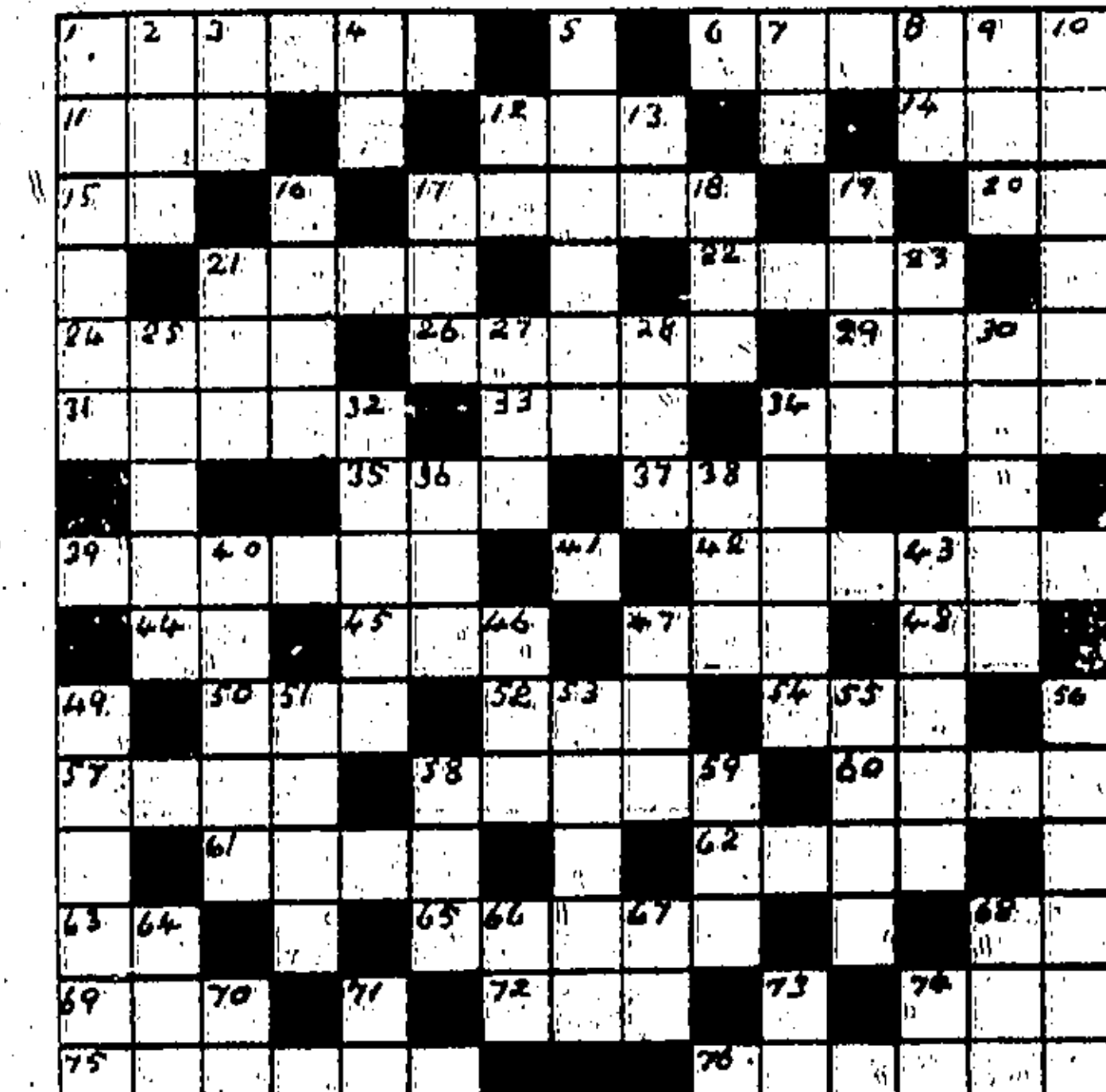
Congested London streets are fast becoming a perfect shambles.—Dr. F. J. Waldo.

"CHINA MAIL" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

NO. 3—\$50 MUST BE WON.

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- The PRIZES in this competition will be AWARDED STRICTLY on MERIT.
- Each solution sent in must be made on the coupon cut from the "China Mail." Any number of solutions may be sent in.
- An entry fee of fifty cents must accompany each coupon.
- No entry will be considered under any circumstances whatsoever, unless entry money for each solution is enclosed.
- Entries must reach the office of the "China Mail" not later than the time and date for closing announced on the coupon.
- No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All letters should be registered and/or sealed.
- The prize of \$50 must be won and will be awarded for an all correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties the \$50 will be divided. No competitor may win more than one share of the prize in each competition.
- The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
- The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into correspondence regarding the Competition.
- Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
- Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
- All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Offices, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
- No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to compete.
- Solutions are held under sealed cover and in no way will be opened until the close of the competition.



To "China Mail" Cross-words,"
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DEAR SIR,

I agree to abide by your rules, and I enclose.....

for solution (s) which are attached.

Name

Address

[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, FEB. 7.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Clues Across.

- Any of the unorganised formations.
- A bulbous plant with yellow or purple flower.
- To bring forth young.
- Possessive of it.
- High tone.
- At morning (abbrev).
- Minute openings in leaves of plants.
- A tree.
- Was carried through.
- Anything very small.
- A place for cooling in.
- A puppy.
- At first.
- The outer integument of a seed.
- A poem set for music.
- Exchanges.
- Turf for fuel.
- A hare.
- Went ashore.
- The indefinite article.
- Take away the good name.
- A Christian Association (abbrev).
- A kind of strong ale.
- Same as 38 across.
- To exist.
- A public service car.
- Unusual.
- L.T.A. (actual).
- To incite.
- A genus of scorpionfishes.
- Proceedings in a civil court.
- To level with the ground.
- Part of an egg.
- Royal Scots (init).
- Hollow.
- With reference to.
- A liqueur.
- A corded cloth.
- Not in.
- American river (known in song).
- Green turf of grassy surface.

Clues Down.

- A zealous person.
- Larry, not like a potato.
- Midnight (abbrev).
- In this manner.
- Put away.
- A God.
- Chartered accountant (init).
- Abbreviation used in letter writing (not init).
- Seven.
- Neuter Pronoun.
- Sergeant-Major (abbrev).
- A contraction of two words, expressive of denial.
- To fasten together with thread.
- Electrician (abbrev).
- To cook slowly.
- A thing; a point.
- A period of years.
- Like veal.
- Swine.
- Teplid.
- Foam.
- Herb Bennet used to flavour ale.
- Iron combined with carbon.
- Fuss.
- To count.
- Fossil tosin.
- To be taken by surprise.
- Portuguese colony.
- Uneven.
- Landed proprietors.
- Time between a festival and 8th day after.
- Forced along.
- A narration.
- Servants (male).
- Dry wine.
- Those for or in favour.
- A female pig.
- Ar (actual).
- Electro plate (init).
- Redness: Blush.
- Mother.
- With reference to.
- Opposite to S.E.
- Alternative.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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 RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.
 MONTEVIDEO MARU Tuesday, 1st March.
 BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
 BORNBO MARU Friday, 4th February.
 INDO MARU Tuesday, 15th February.
 DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
 PANAMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.
 CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
 TACOMA MARU Friday, 25th February.
 BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
 SEKKO MARU Saturday, 5th February.
 VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan.
 HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
 MENADO MARU Thursday, 24th February.
 NEW YORK—Via Japan, ports, San Francisco and Panama.
 HAVRE MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 10th February.
 JAPAN PORTS
 ALASKA MARU Saturday, 12th February.
 KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
 KAIKO MARU Sunday, 6th February, 10 a.m.
 TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.
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SHIPPING SECTION.**N. D. L.**

GERMAN BID FOR NORTH ATLANTIC TRADE.

HAMBURG-BREMEN RIVALRY.

German shipping circles are greatly interested in the sudden change of plans by the Norddeutscher-Lloyd in ordering two new vessels of the "Columbus" class instead of one. There is a tendency to regard it as a further interpretation of the rivalry between Bremen and Hamburg for the North Atlantic passenger traffic, apart from the question of international competition.

Designs on Blue Riband.

Not the least significant feature of the new Norddeutscher Lloyd ships is their high speed. Although the directors have not committed themselves to any actual speed figure, their statement that the new ships will be given a speed which will enable them to complete the voyage from Bremen to New York in six days, and from the Channel ports in five days, is capable of some interpretation. The new ships on this basis will be surpassed in speed by the "Mauretania" only. Here is evidence, then, that the Norddeutscher Lloyd are out with a definite bid for at least a share in the cream of the high-class Channel passenger traffic which, since the war, has largely been dominated by the Cunard and White Star Lines, with the "Leviathan" taking also a certain proportion of it. The new development may even be of a more ambitious character. The history of the ex-German Hapag ships "Waterland" and "Bismarck," now "Leviathan" and "Magestic," showed that although these vessels were nominally powered for a speed of barely 23 knots, they nevertheless were able to knock up 25 knots on service. In the past the Lloyd have won and held the coveted "Blue Riband" of the Atlantic, and it is not outside the realm of possibility that in their new ships a quiet and unobtrusive attempt may be made to secure the distinction and the decided extra pull in the passenger business which attends the possession of the "Blue Riband."

The Financial Position.

It will come as a surprise to many in this country that a German shipping company should be in a position to finance an undertaking of this character. It will be even more surprising to learn that the Lloyd will finance the new ships of both ships without appealing to the money market. To-day's price for ships of the high-class and speed is in Germany around 250, or 1,000 Reichsmarks, per "k.r.t.", so that the dual contract involves an expenditure of 92,000,000 marks. Of the capital increase of 50,000,000 marks, recently decided upon, 37.5 million marks will be offered to the shareholders at 122 per cent, giving a yield, therefore, of around 45,000,000 marks. A somewhat higher yield will probably be realised from the remaining 12.5 million marks, so that, including the 10,000,000 marks of shares which the Lloyd can issue from its capital increase, resolutions of August 2 last, there will be about 80,000,000 marks available in toto. How the balance of 12,000,000 marks will be raised is not clear, but this will presumably be found from current revenue or from other liquid resources. It is even possible that some consideration has been given to the suggestion which the Lloyd hope to receive for pre-war assets in the United States. In any case, as the Norddeutscher Lloyd have also certain extensions of their freight business under contemplation, involving new cargo tonnage, it may safely be assumed that their financial position is remarkably sound.

H.A.L. and Lloyd Line.

The extension of the Bremen company's shipbuilding programme, says the Hamburg correspondent of the "Kölnische Zeitung," is a matter of special importance, as it distinctly affects the relations between the Lloyd and the Hamburg-Amerika Line, providing, as it does, a decided compensation for the absorption by the Hapag of the Ksoms and Austral lines. Apparently, however, the objects of the two companies are not the same, for while the Hamburg Company is strengthening its position in the cargo trade, the Lloyd is aiming at again placing itself in the position which it held before the war at the head of the North Atlantic passenger traffic.

After the delivery of its new liner, the "New York" in the spring of 1927, the Hamburg-Amerika Line will have a total of about 160,000 tons employed on the New York berth, while, after the completion of the "Bremen" and "Europa," the Norddeutscher Lloyd will have about 214,500 tons. But the importance of these figures lies in the fact that the big liners of the Hapag, both individually and on the average, have a smaller passenger capacity than the crack steamers of the Lloyd, as well as in the fact that both in size and speed the main passenger fleet of the Lloyd will be far superior to that of the Hapag. If one of the new Lloyd steamers does the trip from Southampton or Cherbourg to New York in five days, which would be possible at an estimated speed of 25 sea miles per hour, that says the "Kölnische Zeitung" would constitute a decided advantage, in the face of which it would be useless to attempt to disguise the

RECORD YEAR.

THE PORT OF RANGOON EXTENSIONS.

During the year ending March 31, 1926, 1,513 steamers, with an aggregate net tonnage of 4,049,239, and 164 sailing ships, totalling 10,269 tons net, entered the port of Rangoon. According to the administration report of the Commissioners for the port, these totals constitute a record; they show an increase of 106 in the number, and 374,707 tons in the net tonnage of steamers.

The receipts for the year amounted to Rs. 85,38,932, and the payments to Rs. 73,33,776, leaving a surplus on the year's working of Rs. 12,05,156. In view of the satisfactory financial position, the Commissioners decided to make a temporary reduction of 2 annas a ton in the rate of river-duty, which reduction came into force on August 1, 1926.

Various proposals for developing additional and improving existing facilities for shipping and traffic within the port have been finally approved. Among these are the Botatoung and Pazundaung schemes, the development of Dawbon estate, and the provision of moorings for sea-going vessels. It is proposed to carry out the above works during a period of not less than 10 years, and to finance the total cost, which is roughly estimated at Rs. 30,00,00,000, by means of loans.

Detailed plans and estimates are being prepared, and work has been started on the Botatoung and Pazundaung schemes and on the moorings for sea-going vessels. The Botatoung scheme provides for the construction of roads and railway sidings and the erection of jetties, pontoons and warehouses along a stretch of the coast and foreshore. The laying out of a new salt import depot at Pazundaung will comprise the reclaiming of 9.32 acres of land, the erecting of the fore-shore, the erection of a jetty and the construction of roads, drains, railway sidings and warehouses.

fact that the Norddeutscher Lloyd is systematically pursuing a course of its own—the course, that is to say, of resolute competition in the North Atlantic passenger services.

A Surprising Decision.

So far the Hamburg correspondent of the "Kölnische Zeitung" and the observations of other journals of the port have been showing that the object of Bremen's recent activity in the shipping, as also in the shipbuilding world is clearly recognised. The "Frankfurter Zeitung" speaks about the "surprising decision" of the Norddeutscher Lloyd—a decision which has been dictated not merely by business enterprise, but also by considerations of prestige. The new plans go far beyond the Lloyd programme as it has hitherto been developed. "The Bremen concern is entering upon a different road from that which has so far been followed by the Hamburg-Amerika Line, since the Lloyd is making the pure luxury passenger ship with higher speed the basis of its North Atlantic service, whereas the Hapag, departing from the old Ballin principles, has attributed more importance to the combined freight and passenger ship of medium size and speed. The decision of the Lloyd, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" thinks, has been based chiefly on the development of the passenger business in the last couple of years. Apart from the Columbus, German shipping has hitherto lacked the large and luxuriously equipped vessels which appeal to the taste of American travellers, and which were to be found only in the hands of the English and American companies. In the luxury class of liner shipping, Germany is at the present time playing only a very small part. The new decision proves that the Bremen Company desires to recover the leading role in the German passenger-carrying traffic which it occupied before Ballin's time."

A Process of Re-Grouping.

Whether the hopes of the Lloyd in this direction will be fulfilled remains for the future to show. In any case, as the "Frankfurter Zeitung" points out, a process of re-grouping is taking place in the Atlantic "parallel business," and especially between English and American shipping. The tendency of the foreign lines is apparently in the same direction as the new programme of the Lloyd, and it is only natural that German shipping should be anxious to remain in the background.

"The question as to whether ships of these large sizes (Columbus and Imperator classes) can be operated at a profit has been strongly contended in the last few years, and the experience of the American State fleet with the former German steamer "Waterland" has frequently been cited as an argument against such gigantic vessels. On the other hand, the much discussed plans of the Cunard lead to the conclusion that the other large vessels have come up to expectations which were based upon them."

After discussing the position which the Lloyd will occupy when its two newest vessels have been delivered (probably in the spring of 1929), the "Frankfurter Zeitung" states that the Bremen Company's plans are being watched in Hamburg "with no little attention and mixed feelings."

OCEAN COLLEGES.

Imperial ocean colleges for boys desiring to tour the Dominions are proposed by the British Empire Union (says the London "Daily News"). If the scheme materialises, sailing ships will be used. Every ship would accommodate 100 boys, in charge of a chaplain, doctor, and three masters. There would be study, based on an advanced scholastic curriculum, while the boys were at sea. The present intention, if a sufficient number of boys of 18 or 19 years can be attracted, and the co-operation of headmasters of public schools secured, is first to visit Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The return would be by way of Cape Horn, for a call at the Falkland Islands. The tour, it is expected, would occupy about nine months. The main object of the scheme is education by travel, and to give the boys an opportunity of deciding whether greater opportunities await them in the Dominions or in Britain. The tour would give the boys a wider choice of careers. At the various ports of call the boys would be allowed to visit inland cities, farms, ranches, sheep stations, and dairying centres in order to study Dominion life at first hand. The promoters look forward to the day when this form of travel will be an accepted part of the British educational system.

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KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
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MAINTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
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MADEONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KHYBER	9,144	9th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	16th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	5,397	23rd April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,918	30th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,853	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KHYBER	9,144	18th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KHYBER	9,144	25th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NYANZA	7,023	2nd June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
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London, Jan. 29.
Up to the present fourteen persons have been killed by the gale which has spread all over the country, reaching a hundred miles an hour in many parts and carrying off roofs and interrupting telegraphs.—Reuter.

Heavy Seas.

Rugby, Jan. 29.
A violent gale raged yesterday and last night over the greater part of the British Isles.

The Air Ministry reports that the wind reached 102 miles an hour at Renfrew, Scotland.
Eight deaths have occurred through falling chimneys and six elsewhere as a result of the gale.

Heavy seas occurred round the coast, although no serious shipwreck casualties have been reported.

In spite of the storm, all Imperial Airways liners made scheduled cross-Channel flights yesterday.

Tramp Overtakes Plane.
One pilot flying from Cologne to London stated that whilst over the Channel, although his airspeed indicator was showing over ninety miles an hour, his machine was still for several minutes and a tramp steamer in the Channel below actually overtook him.

Heavy seas continued in the Channel to-day, but in North Britain the gale had moderated being followed by snow.—British Wireless Service.

The United Steamship Company, of Copenhagen, which dates back to December 11, 1866, has celebrated its 60th anniversary. The company, whose routes are international, controls 14 ships, aggregating 230,844 registered tons.

Port of Belfast statistics show that 315 vessels arrived at the port during the period from November 14 to December 4, as follows:—Coastwise and cross-channel, 238; foreign, 71; non-trading, 6. The total tonnage of the vessels which arrived at the port from January 1 to December 4, was:—Coastwise and cross-channel, 1,618,667, a decrease of 483,189; foreign, 774,964, an increase of 152,121; non-trading, 67,297, a decrease of 9,306—making a total of 2,460,928, or a net decrease of 340,874 compared with the corresponding period of last year.

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Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Wed., 9th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin via Swatow & Shal	KWONGSANG	Sun., 10th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Haiphong	MINGSANG	Thurs., 10th Feb., at 10 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KITSANG	Fri., 11th Feb., at 3 p.m.
Tientsin via Swatow & Shal	HOPSANG	Sun., 13th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	LAISANG	Tues., 15th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Tues., 15th Feb., at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Thurs., 17th Feb., at 2 p.m.
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THE TWO NEW 46,000-TON LINERS.

As already briefly announced, the Norddeutscher Lloyd has decided to order the construction of two passenger liners of 46,000 tons each, and improved "Columbus" type, to be used on its Bremen-Hamburg-New York service. These vessels, according to the official announcement, will be of about 46,000 gross register tons, and will have a speed which will enable them to do the voyage from Bremen-Haven to New York in six, and from Channel ports to New York, in five days. One of these liners will be built by the Weser Company of Bremen and the other by the Blohm and Voss Company at Hamburg. They will receive the names of "Bremen" and "Europa". This building programme, it is added, will not necessitate any new appeal to the financial market.

This announcement has caused a certain amount of surprise in shipping circles both in Bremen and Hamburg, and is of particular importance in more than one direction. It had been repeatedly stated, as the Hamburg correspondent of the "Kölnische Zeitung" points out, that the Lloyd contemplated the building of only one steamer of the "Columbus" type. Now it is definitely and officially stated not only that there are to be two, but also that they are to be superior to the first "Columbus" from the technical point of view and considerably larger in tonnage. With their 46,000 tons, they will exceed the measurement of the "Columbus" by about 14,000 tons each. Thus the Norddeutscher Lloyd, in the matter of the size of its ships, is very close to the Hamburg-Amerika Line created before the war.

After the completion of the "Bremen" and the "Europa" the Norddeutscher Lloyd will have not only the largest, but also the fastest vessels on the North Atlantic route. When it is considered that the "Columbus" which started on her maiden voyage to New York on April 21, 1924, and reached her destination on April 30, required eight to nine days for the voyage, while the two new Lloyd steamers, of much larger size, will achieve the passage in six days, thus saving two to three days, it will easily be realised what a considerable technical advance they must represent. To accomplish the voyage in the time indicated they must have a speed of between 24 and 25 knots. On her trial trip the "Bismarck" (now the "Majestic") achieved a speed of 26 knots.

It is estimated that the cost of the two new liners will be between 110,000,000 and 120,000,000 Reichsmarks.

The "Kölnische Zeitung" understands that while the contract for one of the new vessels has been given to the Weser Company, the work will be carried out at the Vulkan Yard (Hamburg), which was recently taken over by the Bremen concern.

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The China Borneo S.S. Co.'s R.M.S. "Lok Sun" sailed from Singapore for this port on Jan. 27, and will arrive to-morrow.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 30, at 9 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on Feb. 4, at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nellere" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 23, at 6 a.m., and is due here on Feb. 4, at about noon.

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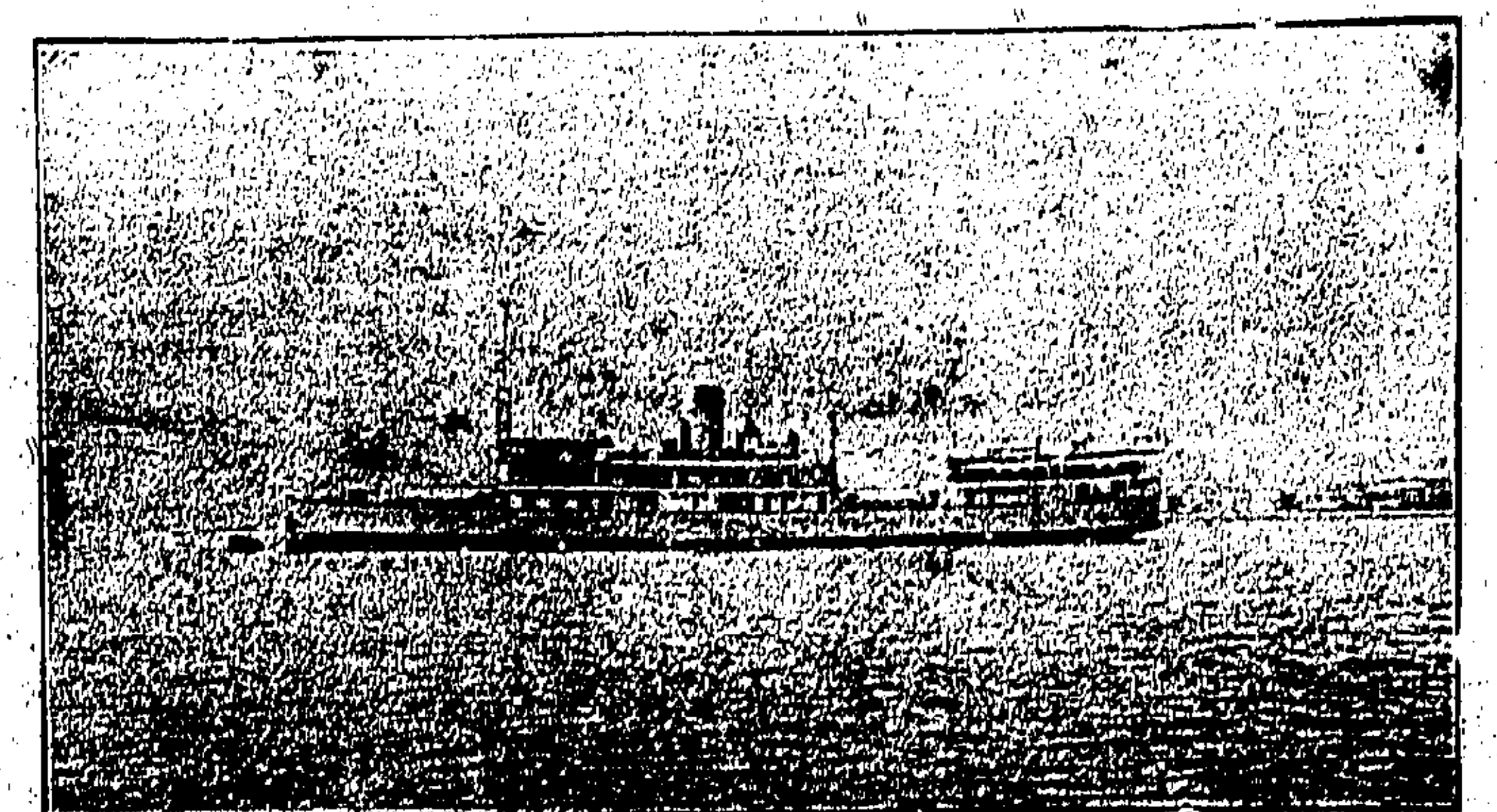
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BRITAIN'S PROPOSALS.

The extent of Britain's desire to meet the Chinese in every possible way may be gauged from Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech published in the Hong Kong papers to-day. The Foreign Secretary makes no attempt to disguise the ugly facts of the anti-British agitation. "China for the Chinese," he says, is a reasonable cry. We have nothing to say against it. But "Kill the British," and "Drive Out the British," are the ravings of mad hatred. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has administered the same rebuke, pointing out that the posters which appeared in Hankow after the recent incident there were not Nationalist posters, but anti-British posters. Although Conservative and Labour views are at one on this point, Sir Austen Chamberlain yet offers in Britain's name to sweep away, almost with a stroke of the pen, the privileges—or safeguards, rather—which have hitherto been considered vital for the safety of foreign lives and interests in China. That is why we say the extent of Britain's desire to meet the Chinese in every possible way may be gauged from Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech. How the speech will be received by the Chinese remains to be seen. Every overture that has yet been made has either been treated with scorn or deliberately twisted by our enemies so as to serve as anti-British propaganda. There is one way, however, in which our latest offer cannot be treated—it cannot be treated as a sign of weakness, when at this moment

twelve thousand troops are on the high seas bound for Shanghai to protect the International Settlement should the need arise. This may be no mere accident. Possibly the home authorities have become tired of making advances only to be hounded the more on account of seeming weakness. This time they may have decided to anticipate that weariness result of their patience and conciliation by taking firm action to defend Shanghai. Anyhow there can be no doubt about their sincerity, now as always, in seeking to meet the Chinese. The present proposals go a very long way—much further, as the Secretary of War hinted the other day, than opinion in some quarters will consider wise, looking to existing conditions in China, where the military and political positions are by no means assured. Britain can hardly do more than she is doing now, and the Secretary for Dominions was right when he said last week that it was impossible to conceive of the proposals being rejected by any section in China—that was influenced by a regard for the welfare, or even the national sentiment of China. Mr. Amery added that any such rejection could only be due to extraneous influences, namely the dominance of Bolshevik agents and Bolshevik policy. Having heard the proposals now, we agree with Mr. Amery entirely. The proposals in this respect are a test—a test by which the Nationalists will infallibly be judged.

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The 10.8-h.p. engine is a development of the Henry Vasil aviation engine, its four air-cooled cylinders being arranged in pairs on each side of the crankcase. Overhead valves, operated by twin gear-driven camshafts, detachable cylinder heads, and pressure-fed oil system, and a direct-driven dynamo are items of the specification.

The drive has a friction clutch and a gear box giving three forward speeds and a reverse, while the propeller shaft bar is enclosed, and the rear axle is of the level-drive type.

SCHOOL WORK.

ELLIS KADOORIE PRIZES
PRESENTED.

THE YEAR REVIEWED.

Awards gained during the year by students of Ellis Kadoorie School were distributed on Saturday morning by Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education.

A programme consisting of dialogues and an exhibition of physical drill, were ably carried out by the pupils.

The Headmaster, Mr. F. J. de Rome read the annual report, of the school, mentioning the good progress made in all departments, and that the health of the students during the year had been excellent. Sports were keenly supported by all the classes, and discipline had been exceptionally good.

The Director of Education, before distributing the awards, congratulated the staff and the boys on the results shown, and said that he was always pleased to visit the school, as it always appeared to him as a large and happy family.

Scholarships, 1926.

The following are the awards:

Lau Chu Pak Scholarship:—

Li Chung-hon (2nd Instalment).

Tai Yau Scholarship:—Ip

Chiu-soen (2nd Instalment).

Lugard Scholar:—Chau Kok-

sik.

Full Free Scholarships to

King's College:—Lau Tak-cheuk.

Full Free Scholarships to

Queen's College:—Tong Hok-

wing and Kee Chun-ting.

Half Free Scholarship to

Queen's College:—Lau Ping-

kwong.

Tai Yau Scholarship:—Lui

Hok-hoi (1st Instalment).

Lau Chu-pak Scholarship:—

Poon Ming-cho (1st Instalment).

Ho Kom-tong Scholarship

(Senior):—Chau Chiu.

Chan Kai-ming Scholarship

(Senior):—Fok Po-keung.

Mrs. Lau Chu-pak Scholarship

(Senior):—Wu Ki-lim.

Ho Kom-tong Scholarship

(Junior):—Wong King-wai.

Ho Kom-tong Scholarship (for

Class 6):—Pang Yuk-chuen.

Chan Kai-ming Scholarship

(Junior):—Lau Tin-chack.

Mrs. Lau Chu-pak Scholarship

(Junior):—Chiu Fat.

Government Scholarships.

Class 5 to Class 4:—Chau Nai-

chung.

Class 6 to Class 5:—Chu Koon-

ip.

Class 7 to Class 6:—Mak

Cheuk-non.

Class 8 to Class 7:—Yee King-

chuen.

Prefects Medals.

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chung, Fok Po-keung, Chau Pak-
hoi, Fung Chun-wing and Wong
King-wei.

MORE REFUGEES.

MISSIONARIES FROM FUKIEN
PROVINCE.

"IMPOSSIBLE" CONDITIONS.

More missionaries from Foochow and inland stations were brought to Hong Kong by the s.s. "Hatching" yesterday, their reports being that conditions generally in the Fukien province are becoming intolerable for the foreigner.

Chinese soldiers have entered into possession of many of the Churches and it is stated that one Roman Catholic missionary was kept a prisoner in his own room for 48 days. Districts are placarded with notices announcing that the people must not touch the property of Chinese but they are welcome to help themselves to anything possessed by the foreigner.

At Foochow and Amoy on the "Hatching" voyage it was found necessary for the gangways of the vessel to be guarded owing to the attempt of a number of agitators to board the vessel. Information had been received that it was intended to call out the crew of the Douglas boats owing to the fact that they are helping in the evacuation of foreigners against whom the tide of anti-Christian feeling is mainly directed.

\$760,000 TOWARDS THE WAR.

The Lords of Treasury, in a minute, place on record the action taken by the Isle of Man Government in offering an additional £500,000 to its war contributions. This the Lords of the Treasury, on behalf of the Government, are glad to accept.

The resolution with reference to this sum was passed by the Tynwald Court on Nov. 10 and completes a total contribution of £780,000 in final settlement of all responsibility in respect of the cost of the war.

KOWLOON'S LOSS.

RETIREMENT OF REV. G. R.
LINDSAY.

SEVEN YEARS' SERVICE.

The many friends in Kowloon and Hong Kong made by the Rev. G. R. Lindsay during his seven years' service as Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, will regret to learn that owing to circumstances which have arisen at the Home in England he will be unable to return here after his furlough.

In "St. Andrew's Church Monthly Messenger," Mr. Lindsay announces that he will be leaving at the end of April and speaks with appreciation of the assistance he has received during his work here.

Shortly after Mr. Lindsay's arrival here he was instrumental in the formation of the St. Andrew's Young Men's Association which has given place to the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club, an organisation in which he has taken a keen interest and which has contributed a great deal to the popularity of the Church among young people.

Mr. Lindsay has also taken a keen and active interest in the Kowloon Y.M.C.A. and in public affairs. He has served for several years on the Kowloon Residents' Association and during Mr. B. Wylie's absence from the Colony he also served on the Board of Education. On Mr. Wylie's retirement from the Board, Mr. Lindsay was appointed for a term of three years.

Mr. Lindsay is the brother-in-law of Dr. Gordon Thompson who was captured by bandits in February, 1924, while on his way to Peking.

STOP TIPPING!

SIR O. STOLL'S ADVICE TO
VARIETY ARTISTS.

Variety artists are being officially advised not to give tips to the staffs at music-halls and theatres where they are appearing.

A notice to this effect signed by Sir Oswald Stoll, the managing director, and Mr. Henry Crocker, the stage manager, has been posted in the dressing-rooms at the London Coliseum. "If any artist expressly desires to recognise services rendered outside the ordinary work of the staff," it is added, "a box has been provided for this purpose into which tips may be placed."

An official of the Variety Artists' Federation told a reporter that tipping in music-halls and theatres has for many years been a great curse to the profession.

It is expected that the lead given by Sir Oswald Stoll will result in an anti-tipping campaign in music-halls and theatres all over the country.

RECKLESS MOTORISTS.

PEDESTRIANS "MERE
OBSTACLES."

"A certain type of motorist seems to look upon foot-passengers as mere obstacles to his rapid and dangerous progress," remarked Mr. Justice McCardie at Leeds, in sentencing Jack Hamer, aged 24, a textile merchant of Bradford, to twelve months' hard labour.

Hamer had been found guilty of the manslaughter of Eleanor Ann Smith, a widow, 70 years of age, by driving a motor recklessly while he was under the influence of drink, and knocking her down as she was alighting from a tramcar.

The judge observed that loss of life and personal injuries to pedestrians had been steadily growing in recent years through the reckless conduct of a certain type of motorists.

ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION.

New York, Jan. 29.

The Hearst newspapers throughout the length and breadth of the country continue strongly to prosecute the recently announced policy of forming an English-Speaking Union.

All the papers to-day give prominence to an interview with the New Zealand Premier, Mr. Coates, enthusiastically endorsing the plan.

Judge Gary and Mr. Theodore Roosevelt also extol the plan as ideal.

The latter does not believe an Anglo-American alliance is necessary to carry out the plan because he says as long as the English-speaking peoples continue to develop the same general attitude towards major policies they will normally draw closer together.—Reuter's American Service.

PERSIA'S CABINET.

Teheran, Jan. 30.

The Cabinet has resigned in consequence of the Independents joining the Opposition in tabling an interpellation in connection with the recent correspondence between the Government and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, also the non-settlement of a trade treaty with Russia.—Reuter.

BUSINESS FIRST.

PRESIDENT ON AMERICA'S
PROSPERITY.

Washington, Jan. 30.

Addressing the half yearly meeting of business men arranged by the Government, President Coolidge declared he was adequately drawing attention to the matter of military preparedness, but at the same time warned against military gestures or acts likely to lead to competition in armaments.

He declared the United States advocates peace.

"We not only should refrain from acts which might be construed as demanding armaments competition, but should rather bend every effort to eliminate such competition evermore. We cannot, and should not, divorce our interests in this from the interests of other nations. Surely the best interests will be found in spending for the public welfare moneys which are otherwise spent on unproductive results."

He pointed out that the Government had reduced the public debt to below nineteen billion dollars, and now was "over two billions ahead of the debt redemption schedule. He declared the United States was probably in the most fortunate financial condition of all the nations of the world, and financial considerations ought to induce Americans to refrain from any gesture which might be construed as militarist.

He did not promise any immediate reduction of taxation.—Reuter's American Service.

MEXICAN OIL LAW POINT.

Mexico City, Jan. 29.

The oil interests in Villa Guadalupe, in Vera Cruz, have gained an important decision, according to special despatches.

The District Court granted the Trans-Continental Oil Company a "definite writ of amparo," restraining all operations of the new Petroleum Law relating to that company.

It is noteworthy that the District Courts have hitherto refused such restraining orders.

The Department of Justice is appealing to the Supreme Court against the decision.—Reuter's American Service.

GERMAN CABINET.

Berlin, Jan. 29.

President Hindenburg has taken the unusual step of vetoing the appointment of the Minister for Justice, the German National Herr Graef, in view of strong representations from the Centrists, especially ex-Chancellor Wirth.

Herr Graef, when Vice-President of the Reichstag, refused to be introduced to President Ebert. A reshuffle of the Cabinet is therefore necessary. Reputable Democratic circles are very greatly dissatisfied with the Cabinet.—Reuter.

REPARATIONS RULING.

The Hague, Jan. 30.

Several hundred millions sterling in Reparations are stated to be involved in a test case in the Industrial Court of Arbitration, to decide whether compensation paid by Germany since September 1924 to her nationals owing to property being confiscated by Allied countries should be included as payment of Reparations.

The Court decided that such sums cannot be included in the Dawes scheme of annuities.—Reuter.

GALE DEATH ROLL.

London, Jan. 29.

It is announced to-day that the death roll in the gale mishaps in Scotland is nineteen, including nine in Glasgow, where three hundred injured were treated in the hospitals.

The state of the warehouses in Wilson Street is so dangerous that it is still impossible to search the debris for a missing man.—Reuter.

NEW YORK TRAFFIC RULE.

In an effort to reduce motor-

car accidents in New York, new and strict traffic regulations have been issued. The regulations include one which establishes an undeposited right of way for pedestrians over vehicular traffic at all unguarded street-crossings. The rule offers no protection whatever to the "jay walker" who crosses the street elsewhere than at the intersections.

GERMAN CABINET.

Paris, Jan. 29.

The newspapers unanimously hail the new German Cabinet as being of the most reactionary political complexion of any since the war.—Reuter.

CHINA POLICY.

Britain's Sweeping Proposals.

FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH.

London, Jan. 30. Speaking at Birmingham, Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised at the outset that there is no division in the Government as regards policy in China.

He declared British policy has not changed since his speech last year preceding the departure of the Tariff Conference delegates to Peking. He stated that our only wish was for a strong, united, independent, orderly and prosperous China.

"We will contribute all possible. We are ready to meet China halfway, and ready to relinquish our special rights proportionately as the Chinese Government can assure Britishers of the enjoyment of the ordinary rights of foreigners in their country."

Sir Austen said the talk about British imperialism was sheer nonsense.

"We realise no less than the most patriotic Chinese Nationalists that the old treaties are out of date. We have long felt the necessity for a change and hope it will be possible to negotiate thereupon with a China which is under one Central Government."

Sir Austen emphasised that such a Government did not exist today, but the demand for treaty revision was so insistent, so fundamentally reasonable, that despite the difficulties involved and the prevailing dissensions, we must try to negotiate with the contending Governments, even amidst civil war.

Prepared for Change.

The principal changes which the Chinese desire in the "old" treaty are:

1. The Extraterritorial position of foreigners, who can only be tried in their own courts.

2. The Tariff provisions preventing China from raising the duties on foreign goods.

3. The quasi-independent status of the foreign concessions.

"Britain is prepared for change on all points," said Sir Austen. "Because the present system is antiquated, unsuited to modern conditions and no longer provides the necessary security and protection of the peaceful avocations of our merchants."

"Two days ago our representatives laid a proposal before the Chinese authorities of the North and the South, expressing readiness to recognise modern Chinese law courts, without the attendance of a British official, as competent courts for cases brought by British plaintiffs as complainants; also to apply in British courts in China the existing modern Chinese civil and commercial codes, and duly enforcing subordinate legislation."

"We are prepared to go further still when the Chinese codes and judicial administrations are ready."

To Pay Taxation.

"As regards taxation we are prepared to make British subjects liable to pay regular Chinese taxation, provided that that does not involve discrimination against British subjects and goods."

Sir Austen points out that this would include taxation levied under the National Tariff when such tariff law was promulgated, and as far as we could effect such object, to fall tariff autonomy."

"The Concessions."

"As regards the concessions, we are prepared to enter into local arrangements according to the particular circumstances of each case, either for amalgamation and administration with the adjacent areas under Chinese control, or other method of handing over the administration to the Chinese, while assuring British communities of some voice in municipal matters."

"That is going more than half way, but I am certain it is a right and wise course. We do not ignore the present inconveniences and difficulties, but are thinking of our relations with China for the next century."

Recognition.

"We can enforce these proposals immediately, but there can at present be no new treaty, because a treaty can only be signed and ratified by a recognised Government, and owing to the conditions produced by the civil war we cannot recognise any Government in the whole country."

Sir Austen deprecated loose and unimposed talk about the recognition of Canton and said, "We cannot recognise the Government of Canton as the government of a part of China only, for that would imply British recognition of the division of China. Equally we cannot recognise Canton as the Government of all China, for that does not accord with facts, since the Chinese control barely a third of China, either of population or area."

"We declined to interfere with Chinese neutrality. The Chinese alone must settle what Government they shall have." (Cheers.)

Sir Austen drew attention to the difficulties created in dealing with the claims of the Nationalists by the fact that they had deliberately and persistently used an anti-British warcry to rally their adherents. He said that in the past century we were pioneers in China. It was our efforts which opened China to foreign trade, as the result of the so-called Opium War.

The Treaty System.

The Foreign Minister pointed out: "We are the principal architects of the treaty system, whereunder it is possible for merchants belonging to one civilisation to trade with another civilisation profoundly

different. We are regarded as the principal upholders of this system in recent years, when it is becoming obvious that the system itself is growing antiquated, and alien influences have not hesitated to preach to the Chinese that we are more responsible than their own dissensions or any other nation for all the ills from which the Chinese suffer. This anti-British cry has been taken up by the powerful Nationalist party and is undoubtedly the most dangerous factor in our relations with China at present. It remains to be seen whether the Government which claims to represent the Chinese Nationalist Party is willing and able to control the mob element insofar as its activities affect our relations with the Chinese people."

Untruths.

Even a respectable body like the Professors of Peking University lent their name to the calumny that the Marines killed Chinese during that riot. "That is untrue. The Nationalist Government itself knows it is untrue."

The seizure of the British concession was "an outrageous and unjustifiable attack upon the long established rights of a peaceful British community. (Cheers). It was clear that there was no guarantee of the safety of British lives in Chinese cities under the authority of the Nationalist Government in the present revolutionary state of affairs."

Sir Austen recalled that the year 1925 provided the anti-British propaganda with the kind of material they required. For example, the Shanghai police, over whom Britain had no control, were forced to fire in consequence of mob violence and the incident was represented as an act of British aggression. Similarly, at the Anglo-French concession at Canton, the troops fired in self defence, and only a part of the force was British.

Sir Austen said the very friendly attitude of Britain towards China, revealed at Washington and elsewhere, was brushed aside. He referred to the boycott which continued at Canton long after it had ceased in the north. The anti-British agitation spread to Central China when the Cantonese extended their authority there, which culminated in the Hankow affair, following an inflammatory speech by Borodin, their chief Russian adviser, and others. Sir Austen paid tribute to the restraint of the British Marines in the face of provocation and declared that doubtless mob violence was designed to provoke the British to fire on unarmed Chinese, and lead to an incident such as would arouse all China and feed the flames of anti-British feeling.

Defence of Shanghai.

Sir Austen said he hoped and believed that no threat of bloodshed and massacre hangs upon Shanghai, but it would be a dereliction of duty, after what had happened at Hankow, to leave Shanghai without effective protection (Cheers). "We must have a force sufficient to protect them if danger arises, and if such force is sent at all it must equal all calls that might be made upon it. The composition of the force itself is a guarantee that it is only intended for strictly defensive purposes. He hoped occasion for its use would not arise." (Cheers.)

"We had no intention to hold Shanghai if we can obtain satisfactory assurances that the incidents at Hankow won't be repeated there. Therefore the military movements which fill the papers and provide pictures for the picture page are pure precaution. The Government won't be deflected from its policy of patient conciliation; nor will the efforts slacken or cease."

Mr. Chen's Statement.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, heartily welcomed and reciprocated Mr. Eugene Chen's desire for a settlement of treaty and cognate questions on the basis of economic equality and mutual respect of each other's political and territorial sovereignty. He considerably refrained from contravening Mr. Chen's account of what past history reiterated.

"China for the Chinese is a reasonable cry. We have nothing to say against it (Cheers). But 'Kill the British' and 'drive out the British' are the ravings of mad hatred. It is not thus you can deal with this country or the British Empire, (Loud cheers). We are ready to assist Mr. Chen and any other Chinese authorities who on their side are ready to show a disposition to deal in a statesmanlike and conciliatory way with the difficulties arising from the revolutionary period of development and change. We have none but the friendliest feelings towards all Chinese who are prepared to meet us in similar spirit."

Next And Friendship.

Sir Austen hoped the Chinese would discuss the proposals and other matters in accordance with the methods customary among civilised nations.

"I earnestly trust no further incidents will mar the prospect of peaceful settlement. We are bound to protect our nationals and have taken the measures necessary to discharge the primary duty of every nation, but hope our present liberal policy will place relations on a permanent basis of mutual respect and friendship (Loud cheers).—Reuter."

ADVICE TO BOTH SIDES.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Speech.

London, Jan. 30. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, speaking at Daventry, resented the Conservative newspapers' "misrepresentation" of Labour's policy (Continued on page 12.)

YACHT CLUB.

FLAG LOST TO ROYAL NAVY.

3RD AND LAST RACE.

Starting with a deficit of 19 points yesterday morning, and still 11 down at tiffin time, the sailing team of the Royal Navy rose to the occasion in the afternoon and ultimately won by 12 points on the whole season, yesterday's being the third and last race.

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club won the first race and lost the second but they still held an advantage of 19 points when the final began yesterday.

Sixteen boats of the Club's racing classes were used, eight on each side, changing over in the afternoon. (There was a good breeze and the finishes were close.)

Tiffin was served in the Club and on the conclusion of the afternoon race, Mr. A. L. Shields (the Vice-Commodore of the Yacht Club) congratulated the Navy on their victory, and handed to Comdr. Ratsey, R.N., the Club ensign.

Flag to Stay.

Mr. Shields commented that this annual series of contests between the Senior Service and the Yacht Club were very much enjoyed and much looked forward to.

After a poor start in the morning the Navy made an excellent recovery sufficient to wipe out the lead the Club had established during the second event, a few weeks ago.

Mr. Shields also presented spoons to the helmsmen of the three boats which finished first in the morning and afternoon, as follows:

Morning:—1, Colleen (Mr. R. O. Sutherland); 2, Falcon (Lt. Comdr. Leveson-Gower); 3, Daphne (Lt. Col. H. Gunn, R.G.A.).

Afternoon:—1, Colleen (Comdr. Fitzgerald); 2, Falcon (Mr. Edwards); 3, Daphne (Lt. Comdr. Drinkwater).

Commander Ratsey replied on behalf of the Navy and said that the Naval members looked upon the Yacht Club as their Club, therefore it was their wish that the flag should be hung in the Club, and not taken away by them.

Morning Race.

Course (6.2 miles) to Lyemun (port), Kowloon Rock (port), finish at Club line.

Navy. pts. Club. pts.

Falcon 15. Colleen 17. Ailsa 12. Bluenose 12. Lysbeth 10. Joan 9. Halcyon 8.

Why-Wonder? 7. Pierrette 6. Thecla 5. Adele 4. Lola 3. Gael 2. Senlark (did not finish) 0.

72. 64.

Afternoon Race.

Course (5.5 miles) to Channel Rocks (port), Kowloon Rock (port), mark on Club line (star board), Cuck Rock buoy (starboard), finish at Club.

Navy. pts. Club. pts.

Colleen 17. Falcon 15. Daphne 14. Bluenose 13. Joan 12. Halcyon 11. Lysbeth 10. Bluenose 9. Why-Wonder? 8. Ailsa 7. Pierrette 6. Adele 5. Thecla 4. Gael 3. Senlark 2.

80. 57.

Total:—Royal Navy (72 and 80) 152 points; Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (64 and 57) 121 points.

Royal Navy won by 31 points, less 19 points (previous lead of the Club on the season), Navy won series by 12 points.

A very close finish was provided on Saturday in the "monogerie" race, over 5.6 miles, the course being to Lyemun Beacon (port), Cuck Rock buoy (port) and finish at the Club line.

Eighteen boats turned out, representative of the three championship classes.

The handicapping was also very close, the difference of a few seconds meaning several positions on actual corrected time.

Yachts of the Handicap class occupied the first five places at the finish but none of them was in the first three when the allowances were taken into consideration.

Difference of Handicap.

"Rolla" was first home but the fact that she failed to save her time is evident from her being placed eighth.

"Ailsa" was the first of the Gaels and One-Designs to finish

PROF. LANGSNER.

MYSTERY AT QUEEN'S TO-NIGHT.

HYPNOTISM & TELEPATHY.

Professor Maximilian Langsner, who started Hong Kong a few months ago with his marvelous feats of telepathy and hypnotism, will present his farewell performance to-night at the Queen's Theatre at 9.15.

The Professor is passing through on the "President Harrison" after having completed a six months' tour of North and South China. For his entertainment to-night the Professor will present a change in programme, presenting many new and novel feats which he did not perform on his former visit. The programme will consist of hypnotising animals, roosters, rabbits, birds, etc. He will, without the aid of confederates or trickery, hypnotise members from the audience, place them in a state of catalepsy, making their body as rigid as a pole, and he will make his subjects obey his every wish. He will also cure persons afflicted with stammering, free of charge.

Through telepathy and while blindfolded, he will deliver messages to unknown persons, find articles hidden in any part of the theatre, solve murder mysteries and present many other startling demonstrations. The Professor wishes it to be understood that he is not giving a lecture but, a practical demonstration of telepathy and hypnotism and promises all those who attend the performance to-night a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

and she became the winner on handicap. "Thecla," of the same class, was actually thirteenth to cross the line but she took second place.

Of the Heyward Rays' class, "Bluenose" and "Adele" were eighth and ninth to get home. On handicap they become third and fourth.

In the table of times below, the respective yachts are mentioned in order of finishing (i.e., according to actual time taken). Their positions in the race on corrected time (i.e., according to handicap) are mentioned in parenthesis.

Finishing Corrected

Rolla (8) 3:57.40 3:57.40
Diana (13) 3:59.52 3:59.52
Colleen (5) 4:00.50 3:58.19
La Linda (16) 4:03.34 3:59.22
Falcon (11) 4:04.14 3:58.38
Ailsa (1st) 4:04.29 3:53.17
Dorothy (15) 4:04.51 3:59.15
Bluenose (3rd) 4:07.55 3:54.52
Adele (4) 4:09.14 3:56.10
Adanac (6) 4:09.34 3:57.30
Daphne (12) 4:10.08 3:58.54
Halcyon (14) 4:10.26 3:59.14
Thecla (2nd) 4:12.39 3:54.27
Joan (7) 4:13.01 3:57.37
Gael (10) 4:13.40 3:58.16
Zephyr (17) 4:14.20 3:59.52
Lola (9) 4:14.52 3:58.04
Senlark (18) 4:17.59 4:04.45

SERVICE RACE.

H.M.S. "Hermes" Galley the Winner.

The handicap race for Service boats resulted in the following order:—

1.—H.M.S. "Hermes" galley (Eng. Com. Viller).
2.—H.M.S. "Despatch" galley (P. O. Simpson).
3.—H.M.S. "Hermes" whaler (Lt. Willoughby).
4.—H.M.S. "Caradoc" galley (Lt. Hall).
5.—H.M.S. "Despatch" cutter (Lt. Ryan).
6.—H.M.S. "Caradoc" whaler (Lt. Enright).
7.—H.M.S. "Herald" whaler (Lt. Kennedy).
8.—H.M.S. "Titanis" whaler (Ldg. S. Player).

Other boats in the race were:—H.M.S. "Caradoc" whaler (Lt. Barrow), H.M.S. "Despatch" whaler (P. O. Fowler), H.M.S. "Hermes" whaler (P. O. Wilkinson), H.M.S. "Titanis" whaler (L. S. Marsh).

NAMES IN.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS OF HONG KONG.

Entries (closed on Saturday) for the Hong Kong Cricket Club annual lawn tennis tournament, including the open championships of the Colony, are not as numerous as last year. Play begins in March.

Names in the singles include:—T. Honda and S. A. Rumjahn, holder and runner-up respectively last year. Ng Sze-kwong (champion 1918-1923), Dr. R. E. Tottenham, Yew Man-tsun, S. E. Green (champion 1915-1917), H. D. Rumjahn, M. K. Lo, H. Lo, Major W. B. Stevenson, Col. C. Russell Brown.

Those in the doubles include:—S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (holders in 1925 and 1926), Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung, M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo, E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher, Major W. B. Stevenson and the Rev. Alexander.

FIGHT FOR CHILD.

JAIL AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Mother-love for her baby, which prompted Mrs. Margaret Marshall, of Scotland, to brave imprisonment and attempt suicide, has resulted in her deportation. For more than a year Mrs. Marshall, whose husband lives in Scotland with their four other children, tried every means to regain possession of her five-year-old son David, whom she offered to the Spence Alumnae Society for adoption, but then changed her mind. Last August, Mrs. Marshall charged the society with kidnapping, when it refused to return the child, who had been adopted by a wealthy mill-owner named Harold Harder. When the charge was dismissed in court, the woman, it is alleged, threatened the life of Mrs. Cornell, chairman of the Spence Society, for which offence she was sentenced to serve twenty days' imprisonment. When she was released, Mrs. Marshall combed the State of New York in an attempt to find the child's foster-parents. Finally she discovered and attempted to kidnap him. For this crime she was sentenced to jail, but escaped, and was recaptured. Since being taken back to prison she has attempted suicide, it is alleged, by cutting a vein with a piece of broken glass. Among other desperate measures which Mrs. Marshall took was an admission of bigamy, in the hope that she would be deported and that David would be sent with her. The recommendation that Mrs. Marshall be deported was not opposed by her attorneys, and she will be escorted aboard the first steamer sailing for Scotland.

TUTANKHAMEN.

THE TREASURES IN THE STOREROOM.

The excavations begun by the late Earl of Carnarvon and Dr. Howard Carter at Tutankhamen's tomb have now entered upon their fifth season.

The first work of the present season was to return the body to its place in the great stone sarcophagus which popular feeling has decreed to be its proper resting-place.

An inner storeroom beyond the burial chamber is now in process of exploration.

This room was never closed up, and the excavators must often during the tedious work round the sarcophagus have cast longing eyes on the wonders which it contains.

There are models of boats of every kind rivalling, according to some who have seen them the superb models six hundred years older, found by the Americans in the tomb of Mentehweta at Thebes.

Another chariot, there are decorated caskets, there are numerous black shrines of wood, all sealed, have one, and finally there is the gilded chest containing the four canopic jars in which the internal organs of the King were placed by the embalmers when removed from the body.

This chest, with its cornice of cobras and its free-standing figures of the four guardian goddesses at the corners, seems to have made more impression on those who have seen it than almost anything in the tomb.

Dr. Carter hopes to clear this storeroom during the present season and the neglected annex to the antechamber next winter.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

January 31—Queen's Theatre, "Zander the Great."

January 31—World Theatre, "The Eternal Struggle."

January 31—Star Theatre, "Dempsey-Tunney Fight."

January 31—Prof. Maximilian Langsner performs at Queen's Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

February 1—Fancy dress ball in Roof Garden of Hong Kong Hotel.

February 2—Interport game, Hong Kong v. Shanghai, H.K.F.C. ground, 3.30 p.m.

February 5—Next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assoc.

February 5—Inaugural meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao.

February 12—Steeplechase Meeting of Fanling Hunt, Kwant' Race Course.

Meetings.

January 31—Annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

January 31—Twenty-second meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., Messrs. Dodwell & Co's offices, 11 a.m.

February 2—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Horticultural Society, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's, 5.15 p.m.

A statement of the management costs of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, for 1925, shows that the expenditure on 52 officials, head office and branches, totalled £21,700, or 1s. 10d. per member per year.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Hours during which prescriptions can be dispensed at Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. on Wednesday and Thursday are notified in an advertisement on page 8.

Practically all the leading hotels in Hong Kong and Kowloon have arranged special car-nivals and dinner-dances for China New Year's Eve (tomorrow) and for China New Year Day (Wednesday).

The annual reunion in London of members of the Victoria Diocesan Association will take place at Victory House, Trafalgar Square on June 29 (St. Peter's Day). The Bishop of London has promised to take the Chair at the meeting.



Mrs. Edward Browning, famous as "Peaches," as she looks to-day, following her separation from "Daddy" Browning, and as she will probably look when she goes into court to fight out with him the maze of litigation resulting from their sensational, though brief, married life.

There is some local apprehension, especially among tenants renting comparatively small houses, that the "Malay Mail," that rents will be increased in 1927 to meet the increased assessment now being levied by the Kuala Lumpur Sanitary Board.

During the 48 hours ended on Sunday the following notifiable diseases were reported to the Medical Officer of Health:—an Indian case of rubies from Shaikwan and a Chinese case of diphtheria from the city.

The French Academy of Science has awarded the Prince Albert of Monaco prize, valued \$330, to Dr. Jean Charcot, the explorer, to enable him to complete the equipment of the Pourquoi Pas for further geographical cruises.

A ferro-concrete bridge of five spans, with a length of 500 feet, is to be erected across the River Severn at Atcham, near Shrewsbury, and a reinforced concrete bridge, with a 22 foot span and a width of 25 feet, is to be constructed at Common Lane, Dover.

Signor Mussolini has opened a fresh campaign against dancing. Arising from the deaths of four dancers at the Apollo Cabaret, the newspapers demanded the drastic supervision of cabarets and night haunts and the Prefect of Rome forbade dancing at such resorts. The Italian Premier has issued a general order to the prefects to close dancing-cabarets and night clubs "for reasons of public morality."

It is reliably reported that the former Crown Prince Carol's romance with Magda Lupescu has terminated. Prince Carol has left Neully, and Magda Lupescu has remained behind. Prince Carol is believed to be somewhere on the Riviera, but no authentic information is available. The rumours that he has returned to Roumania have been discredited.

ANOTHER REMAND.

The case in which an Indian watchman, formerly employed by Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. is charged with assaulting a Chinese youth was again remanded for one week by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning. Chief Det. Insp. T. Murphy informing his Worship that the youth was still in hospital and therefore unable to attend Court.

It is announced that the evening service at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday, February 27 will be specially for Freemasons. The newly installed District Grand Master of English Freemasonry and the District Grand Lodge will attend, and it is hoped that all Freemasons in the Colony will make a point of being present.

Extraordinary general meetings of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. are to be held at Union Building on February 15. The purpose is to submit resolutions.



Mme. Schumann-Heink is a native of Prague, and while singing in the choir at the Ursuline Convent was discovered by Juliette Le Claire, the great French prima donna. She made her debut as Azucena in "Il Trovatore," and at seventeen was the principal contralto at the Dresden Court Opera.

which will empower the deletion of certain words from the Articles of the Companies, and substitute other words for them. If the resolutions are passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions at further extraordinary general meetings to be held on March 1.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The death is announced of Sir Daniel Falthorpe Goosh, of Tatchbury Mount, Totton, Hampshire.

Personal estate worth £199,778, in addition to real estate, was left by Mr. Thomas Wright Dewar, Sandilands, Lanarkshire, and Hindhead, Surrey, a director of a number of distillery and other companies.

The Misses M. and S. Hyndman, Miss S. Rosario, Miss S. R. Ismail, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Machado and Dr. C. W. Weedon were among the passengers on the "Fushimi Maru" which left Hong Kong on Saturday for London via ports.

Dr. R. J. Campbell, Minister of the City Temple, London, for 12 years before he joined the Church of England, and now incumbent at Brighton, has married his adopted daughter and Secretary, Miss Gertrude Smith. Dr. Campbell, who has been a widower since 1924, is 60 and his bride is 33.

The wedding ceremony of Mr. Charles T. Hall, son of Mr. C. E. Hall of Shanghai, and Miss Kathleen B. Lynch, daughter of Mr. E. H. Lynch of Sydney, Australia, was solemnised at St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai, the Rev. Father Macdonald, S.J., officiating, with the Rev. Brother Victoria at the organ.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of:—Mr. Hubert Hope Hasham, electrical engineer, Kowloon, Y.M.C.A., to Miss Yadvia Anthronovana, Astor House, Shanghai. Mr. Woo Yee-tak, merchant, No. 307, Des Vaux Road Central, to Miss Mabel Wong, No. 495, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Mr. Ming-shik, Jim Hang Law, No. 8, Ashley Road, Kowloon, to Miss Irene Lucy Mary Lim, No. 285, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The Peak Club held a successful dance on Saturday night.

Lady Ho Tung and the Misses Ho Tung were among the passengers on the N.Y.K. "Fushimi Maru" which left Hong Kong on Saturday for London via ports.



General von Mackensen, one of the most famous German commanders in the war, as he appeared on his seventy-fifth birthday. General von Mackensen is wearing the red uniform of the former Imperial "Lieb Husaren" Regiment, which is distinguished by the skull and cross-bones on the shako.

Mr. A. S. Abbott, manager of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Ltd., Hong Kong, goes to Singapore at the end of April to take charge of the branch there while the local manager, Mr. G. H. Davis, is home on leave. Mr. Abbott expects to return to Hong Kong in November, and during his absence Mr. A. G. Waller, a director of the company in Shanghai, will have charge of the Hong Kong branch.

James Gardner Lawrence, Jr., of the law firm of Ross, Lawrence and Selph, Manila, has died at St. Luke's Hospital from malignant malaria.

Mr. Frederick Lane, Folkestone, late of South Pickenham Hall, Swaffham, Norfolk, shipbroker, left estate in his own disposition worth £571,500.

The Hon. John Barton Payne, Chairman of the American Red Cross, Chairman of the Board of Governors and the Executive Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies, who has been attending the Second Oriental Red Cross Conference at Tokyo, has been visiting Riam and was in Singapore a few days ago on his way to Europe.

General Baron Berge has died in France in his 99th year. He entered the Ecole Polytechnique as long ago as 1847, and was one of the few men still in the French army who held a commission under Louis Philippe. He fought in the African and Italian campaigns, and in the Crimean War, as well as the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. In 1871 he was entrusted with the reorganisation of the artillery, and was awarded the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour in 1892. General Berge lost three of his grandsons in the Great War.

Mr. Eu Tong-sen, O.B.E., the Chinese multi-millionaire of Malaya, arrived in Hong Kong by the "Kitano Maru" with Mrs. Eu. The owner of a \$1,000,000 marble villa in Singapore, this prince of tin-miners has interests also in this Colony and in Canton. In 1918 he donated \$55,000 to the Hong Kong University and is a life member of the Court. He was on the F.M.S. Federal Council from 1911 to 1920 and is 49 years of age. During the War he presented a \$20,000 tank and an aeroplane to the Home Government.

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SPORTS SECTION

A FESTIVE WEEK.

Soccer Interporters Arrive.

TWO TEAMS FROM SHANGHAI.

There was much football fraternising on board the "President Harrison" when she arrived here this morning with two interport combinations from Shanghai for the festive week of soccer here.

The Shanghai Interport eleven proper included many old friends, all glad to renew an acquaintance with Hong Kong. Several of the team are known here and others were met up North last year. This team includes three Chinese. Two learnt their football here. They are Li Wai-tong (the former South China "star" inside-left) and Lau Kau (who only played in junior football here and was a forward, not a back).

Then there is the "Eastern" China team, down to return a visit to "Southern" China or, in other words, the Hong Kong Chinese. Leung Yuk-tong, the famous South China captain, is one of these.

Representatives of the Hong Kong Football Association met the arrivals in a special launch and conveyed them to this side of the harbour.

The Interport XI is staying at the Hotel Savoy and the Eastern China team at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. The names are—

Shanghai Interport Team.

Testal (Police);

J. B. Brown (Artillery) vice-

captain, Lau Kau (Loh Hwa);

Hurry (Police), Gash (Police)

captain, Price (S.F.C.);

Baxter (S.F.C.); Colloca

(P.S.A.), Marcan (P.S.A.), Li

Wai-tong (Loh Hwa), C. W.

Chen (Loh Hwa).

Reserves: Crawford (En-

gineers), C. N. Brown

(Artillery), Sinclair (S.F.C.).

Manager: A. H. Leslie.

Eastern China Team.

C. H. Ho (Trinity Club);

Y. Y. Voong (Loh Hwa Club);

Lau Kau (Loh Hwa Club);

Z. H. Mao (Trinity Club);

V. H. Bien (Loh Hwa Club);

Leung Yuk-tong (Loh Hwa

Club);

Y. K. Hu (Loh Hwa Club);

C. W. Chen (Loh Hwa Club);

P. T. Lee (Loh Hwa Club) vice-

captain, Li Wai-tong (Loh Hwa

Club) captain, L. H. Chen

(Trinity Club).

Reserves: George Chow (Loh

Hwa), H. Liang (Loh Hwa),

Pang Wah-hing (Loh Hwa),

L. K. Tsong (Loh Hwa), Z. W.

Lee (Trinity).

Manager: M. H. C. Yu.

IN THE FINAL.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

In the semi-final round of the Kowloon Golf Club championship played yesterday, F. E. Remedios (holder) beat W. Clough by 7 up and 6 to play, while K. S. Robertson defeated D. C. Wilson by 2 holes.

The final round between F. E. Remedios and K. S. Robertson will be played on a date to be fixed later.

Governor's Shield.

The final in the Governor's Shield at Fanling, to have been played on Saturday, was postponed on account of the indisposition of one of the players, Lt. Col. S. Boylan Smith.

This annual competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club is for inter-Hong foursomes. The finalists (18 holes) are the Royal Army Medical Corps (Lt. Col. S. Boylan Smith and Major Lynch) v. Johnson, Stokes & Master (D. J. Lewis and L. R. Andrews).

TENNIS MATCH.

KOWLOON C.C. DEFEAT "HERMES".

Yesterday the Kowloon Cricket Club (on their own courts) defeated H.M.S. "Hermes" at lawn tennis by 67 matches to 32. Scores:—

E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher

(Kowloon) beat Lt. Sparks and

Flt. Lt. Brewerton 8-3

beat Lt. Sturges and Pay

Comdr. Turner 11-0

beat Lt. Haines and Lt. Grant 10-1

20-4

S. E. Green and W. Hyde (Kow-

loon) beat Lt. Sparks and Flt. Lt.

Brewerton 11-0

lost to Lt. Sturges and Pay

Comdr. Turner 4-7

beat Lt. Haines and Lt. Grant 8-3

14-13

Totals:—Kowloon, 67; "Hermes,"

32.

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CLUB DRAW.

BATSMEN IN FORM v. REST OF LEAGUE.

"TAMAR" SURPRISE I.R.C.

The outstanding event in local cricket on Saturday was the Hong Kong C.C. v. "The Rest of the League" match.

This is probably the first time that a match of this kind has been played in Hong Kong and it is hoped that this will become an annual fixture.

The senior division League proper had a blank afternoon, but there were three matches in the junior division in which H.M.S. "Tamar" created a big surprise by defeating the favourites, Indian R.C. 2nd XI.

The University 2nd XI also caused a little sensation by beating the Club de Recreio. The positions in the league table are not changed, as far as the first three Clubs are concerned. The Indians are now practically on the same footing as the Police R.C., having 13 points for 6 matches, as compared with the latter's 16 for 7.

H.K.C.C. v. REST OF LEAGUE.

On their own ground, the Hong Kong C.C. drew with the Rest of the League. Scores:—

Hong Kong C.C. b.

A. W. Hayward, c. R. M. b.

Baker, c. N. Evers, b. W. Sayer, 68

Cap. A. N. Evers, b. W. Sayer, 26

H. Owen Hughes, b. W. Sayer, 16

T. E. Pearce, c. E. C. Fincher, 10

Goodwin, 12

Cap. E. W. Morris, b. Goodwin, 16

Cap. J. R. Mitchell, c. Sayer, b.

Goodwin, 22

J. R. Hinton, b. E. F. Fincher, 19

Max. L. J. Lightfoot, not out, 3

R. W. Hamilton, c. Goodwin, b. E. F.

Fincher, 0

Extras, 0

Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 184

A. C. I. Bowker, G. R. Vallack did

not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Goodwin, 12 3 35 3

Brace, 10 2 37 6

Rumjahn, 4 1 26 0

Sayer, 6 0 29 2

Baker, 6 0 27 1

E. F. Fincher, 6 4 0 21

Yeh, 0 0 1 0

Rest of League

Cap. A. A. Bridgman (R.E. & S.),

c. Evers, b. Bowker, 7

W. Brace (K.C.C.), st. Pearce, 6

Vallack, 2

A. W. Ramsey (K.C.C.), lb.w., b.

Vallack, 9

A. W. Rumjahn (University), b.

A. Bowker, 9

E. C. Fincher (Civil Service), not

out, 52

G. R. Sayer (Civil Service), c.

Hamilton, b. Owen Hughes, 25

E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.) not out, 6

Extras, 27

Total (for 5 wks.), 135

F. Goodwin (K.C.C.), T. E. Yeh

(C.R.C.), F. Baker, (C.S.C.C.), S. A.

Ismail (I.R.C.) did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Bowker, 10 1 29 2

Vallack, 10 1 25 0

Morris, 4 1 15 0

Lightfoot, 4 0 26 0

Hamilton, 4 1 10 0

Owen Hughes, 4 0 14 1

Evers, 1 0 4 0

Extras, 1

Total, 133

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Mans, 5 1 13 0

A. S. Ismail, 2 0 7 0

Sirdar Khan, 16 4 39 0

Suffad, 2 1 7 0

Madar, 13 4 41 3

Indian R.C. 2nd XI.

M. P. Madar, b. Beasley, 3

J. S. Ackley, run out, 9

A. S. Suffad, c. b. Beasley, 1

A. S. Ismail, b. Beasley, 0

S. A. R. Ismail, b. King, 0

Sirdar Khan, b. Beasley, 3

A. K. Minu, st. Stanham, b. Beasley

1, Hasen, b. Coombes, 3

A. R. Minu, c. Palmer, b. Beasley, 32

V. T. Mans, not out, 14

A. Rahmih, b. Reakes, 1

Extras, 1

Total, 87

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Beasley, 10 0 27 6

King, 7 2 13 1

Coombes, 6 1 24 1

Palmer, 3 0 10 0

Reakes, 2 2 1 2

Extras, 1

Total, 87

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G. Lee, c. Lammett, b. Wales, 8

L. A. R. Duncan, c. Ralsh, b. Lee, 1

W. Hyde, b. Wales, 2

Extras, 2

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To begin with the simple evening frock, there are filmy, flowery frocks suited to the debutante. These express many of the important points in the mode and possess features of originality and charm. There are chiffon frocks with tiers and flounces, draped skirts, cape backs, petal effects, uneven hemlines, bloused waists and a general fluttering and graceful movement. The pastel shades are generally found expressing the youthful feeling in these frocks. When decorations are used at all they are of a simple and youthful type such as ostrich feather, floral sprays, ribbons, silver and gold ribbon or a diamond-studded ornament.

The dazzling jewelled, pailletted, and beaded gown is another type of dress that is extremely youthful in its appeal as well as extremely well suited to the matron. The mode that is most generally accepted this season in the jewelled gown is in satin or velvet patterned in gilt or silver and with much work in paillettes, glass jewels, rhinestones and pearls.

CUSHION PLACING.

The Great Importance of Colour.

Cushions have too recently been regarded as something to be added to rather than planned with our decorations. How often do we submissively live with something we have picked up at a bazaar, or some excellent example of the work of our dearest friends, because we have not the courage to hide it away. There are so many varieties of cushions to tempt one, the big squashy pillows our comfort-loving souls delight in, the little, snugly pillows that make such a feminine background for us, and the exquisite silk and lace confections that conquer our pockets when we see them temptingly displayed for our undoing.

The question of colour is, perhaps, the first consideration. We accent our scheme of decoration by them as a musician accents his theme by the use of the soft and loud pedal, and art has been very kind in the exquisite shades with which she has provided us. There are the yellows that blend into greens and the greens that blend well into blues. The happy touch that a cushion of clear yellow gives to a blue chair, the unsuspected relation between green and purple, the exact shade of mauve that harmonises with the blue we have chosen, and the one black cushion that steadies the too gay insouciance of our scheme can easily be found by a little experimenting.

Take, for instance, the typical modern living room, with its up-

holstered furniture covered with stones and pearls. This heavy sort of embroidery is done most successfully upon chiffon velvet or plain satin. Silver embroidery, covering almost the entire surface of black satin in unusual figures, is used in very distinctive gowns and is frequently found in the bolero or in any type of gown that is simple in its outline, with a penning line at the hips or waist. The fitted robe also possesses a flare and it usually has a broken silhouette with a belt trimming, girle or motif of some sort. The decolletage varies. Some very formal gowns use a high neckline while others are extremely low and are round, square or V shaped.

While black is found in all types of evening dresses, from the mode which exploits the tiered skirt or uneven hemline with the bloused bodice and higher waistline; the gowns which suggest the Empire silhouette; the elaborately beaded and jewelled gown to the very formal robe de style in velvets or tulle or chiffons and laces, there are other gowns with exotic tendencies which introduce colours of great variety as well as all white.

White velvet elaborately embroidered in pearls, rhinestones, strops and gold beads is very important in the jewelled frocks. Laces, brocaded fabrics and jewelled velvets are seen in all the

gay chintz. The chintz will be more or less patterned, and the use of any figured material would result in a restless-looking whole. In such a case it is a pleasant idea to take one or two of the colours from the design of the chintz and carry on your scheme with them. A chintz with a black background and a design introducing orange and blue could be attractively carried on by a rug curtains of some plain orange material—say, glazed chintz—with cushions of blue linen, and perhaps one or two of orange. Nowadays we are likely to have silk curtains in our chintz rooms, and if this is the case, it is a good idea to use the same fabric for the cushions, thereby pleasantly linking up the scheme. Silk cushions are, of course, the inevitable accompaniment of velvet-covered furniture.

It is not only in the choosing of colours that we are likely to come to grief, but in the shape and the type of the cushions themselves. You should not pour new wines into old bottles, and you should not put modern cushions on old furniture. The size and shape are serious matters, and can only be determined by the size and shape of the chair or sofa for which the cushion is destined. We all know the discomfort of being asked to share a small chair with a large cushion, and for general purposes it is advisable to keep the cushions small, at any rate your chair cushions.

new lines of an interesting season. All fabrics, no matter how pretentious nor how brilliant, are supple and lend themselves easily to draped lines. The Egyptian influence is strongly marked in certain gowns that are gorgeously embroidered in jewels. Other evening gowns that express a foreign influence are those that use embroidery in the Chinese manner.

The robe de style still occupies an important place in the mode. Almost every wardrobe should feature one of these picture frocks which achieve decorative lines in intricate arrangement of rich fabrics. The period frock is seen in all materials which mark this a colourful and stately season. Colours are seen but the vogue for all white or all black, for gold and silver is seen at its best in these gowns of bouffant appeal, as opposite the sheath-like lines favoured in the handsomely embroidered silks, chiffons and velvets.

Colleen Moore, who wears her clothes with so much dash in her First National picture, "Twinkle-toes," possesses a wide and varied wardrobe of evening gowns which include the jewelled gown, the fringed gown, the fluttering chiffons and the stately period gowns.

LIKES OLD STYLES.

Madrid.—Short hair and shorter skirts have so perturbed the Mayor of Alameda that he proposed in council to inflict fines on the devotees of these fashions.

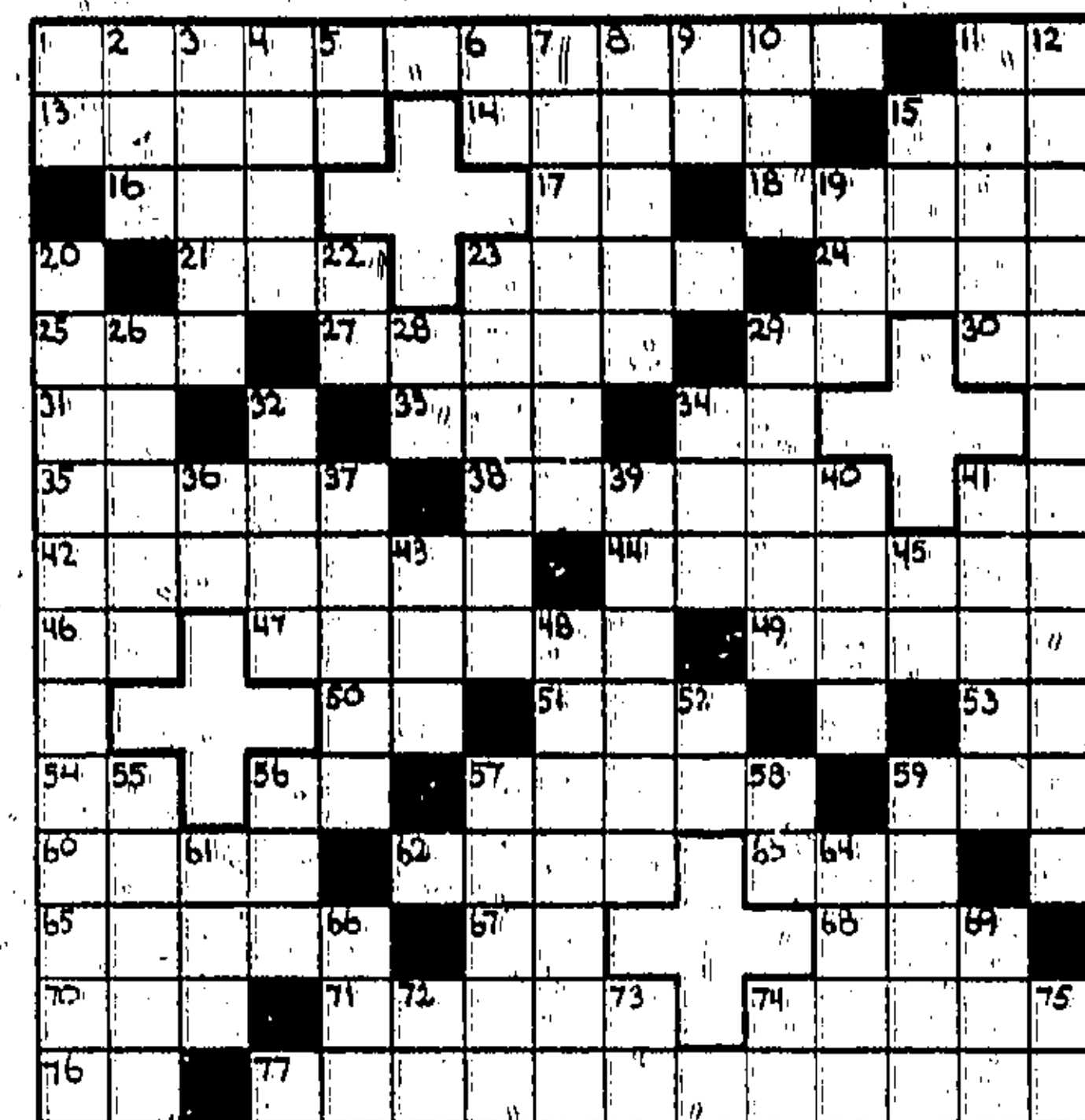
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Dissonant
- 11-Musical note
- 12-Foolishness
- 14-A number
- 15-Vase
- 16-Delve into
- 17-Egyptian god
- 18-Upper room in a house
- 21-Angry
- 23-Repetition of words
- 24-Back
- 25-Grab
- 27-Girl's name
- 29-Musical note
- 30-Long island (abbr.)
- 31-Steamship (abbr.)
- 33-French for Madame (abbr.)
- 34-Prefix meaning "from"
- 35-Commonplace
- 38-Little islands
- 41-Jumbled type
- 42-Continued stories
- 44-Pertaining to Africa
- 46-Postscript (abbr.)
- 47-Smart on raiment
- 49-Poetic name of Edinburgh
- 50-Leaves
- 51-Adult males
- 52-And (Fr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 64-Church (abbr.)
- 65-Pronoun
- 67-Girl's name
- 69-Compass point (abbr.)
- 69-Small particle
- 62-Speak
- 63-Came together
- 65-Bay Window
- 67-Pronoun
- 68-Ignited
- 70-Employ
- 71-Be in accord
- 74-Girl's name
- 75-Compass point (abbr.)
- 77-Destroyed

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 20-Having no inkling
- 22-Prefix. Two
- 23-Dilatory
- 26-Beast of burden (pl.)
- 28-A paper measure
- 29-Measure (abbr.)
- 32-Young girl
- 34-Definition (abbr.)
- 36-Home of Abraham
- 37-Great
- 38-Strait
- 40-Bounding line
- 41-Square of glass
- 43-A constellation
- 44-101 (Rom. num.)
- 45-Slight superficial knowledge
- 52-Nickel (abbr.)
- 53-Beast of burden
- 54-Girl's name
- 57-A fabric
- 58-Exist
- 59-Long-legged shore-bird
- 61-Blind
- 64-Girl's name
- 66-Loose
- 69-Little mound (golf)
- 72-Great (abbr.)
- 73-Printer's measure
- 74-Half an acre
- 75-No date (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

SPANISH COURT LADIES.

London, Jan. 16.

A Madrid correspondent says all ladies of the Spanish Court attending high mass at the Palace must wear a special costume prescribed by the Queen following the Vatican's request. These costumes must have collars, sleeves to the wrist and long skirts—all in contrast with modern fashions.

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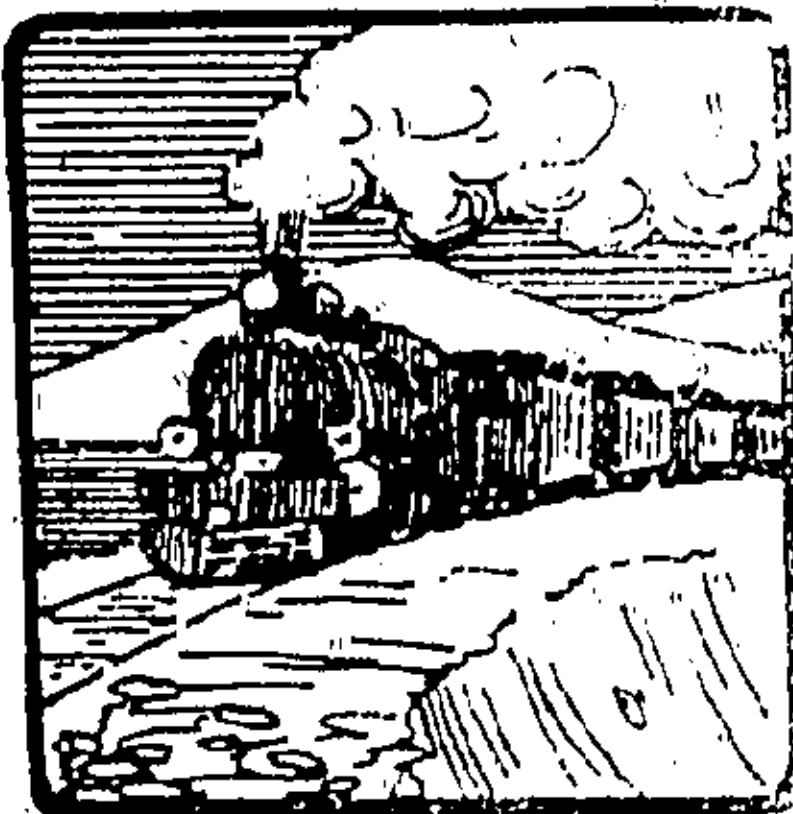
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

The Food Council are to receive a deputation from butchers regarding the exhibition of price lists.

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A human skull ceremonial bowl, with brass cover studded with turquoise, Lamaistic, from Tibet, is now on view at the British Museum.

While demolishing an old house near Dundee City Gas Works workmen found a box containing about 40 gelignite cartridges and more than 50 detonators.

Some boys playing at Greenbank, Wapping, E., where road repairs are in progress, knocked over a danger lamp which exploded, and set fire to a watchman's hut.

Thirteen Eton College boys, including Lord Amherst of Hackney and Earl St. Aldwyn, examined by Chief Officer Brown, Windsor Fire Brigade, passed efficiency tests as firemen.

It was stated at a meeting of creditors of Sir Alexander Stenning and Partners, architects and surveyors, Laurence Pountney Hill E.C., that the liabilities are £757 and no assets.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has received a cheque as the first contribution from two of its lifeboat collecting boxes which a short time ago were sent out to British Columbia and are now stationed in two offices in Victoria.

At a lonely spot at Clifton, Bristol, a young man was found unconscious with a cut on his head and a scarf tied tightly round his neck, while one of his pockets was turned inside out, and papers belonging to him were strewn on the ground.

A Bristol fighter aeroplane crashed through the roof of barracks-rooms at Aldershot, and passed through a wall. Flying Officer F. J. Docherty was gravely injured. Several men of the Dorsetshire Regiment who were in the barracks had wonderful escapes.

Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Company have reduced their charges for gas by 2½d. per therm, thereby reverting to the pre-strike figure of 9¼d.

While starting one of the engines of a German monoplane at Croydon, Karl Walthur, an air mechanic, was fatally struck on the head by the propeller.

The Dean of Chester and Mrs. Bennett, who were presented with a five-seater motor-car by some friends in recognition of their services to Chester and diocese, received a similar gift seven years ago from the parishioners of Hawarden on Mr. Bennett's appointment to the Deanery of Chester.

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The Tallow Chandlers' Company have forwarded a donation of £10 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The loss caused to the Hull fishing industry by the coal stoppage is estimated at \$500,000 to \$750,000. The actual extra cost in the purchase of Continental coal was \$400,000.

News was received in Belfast, that Mr. William Williamson, chief steward of the steamship "Clintonia," was lost overboard when the vessel was on voyage from Middlesbrough to New York.

Westminster City Council decided to ask the Ministry of Transport, in view of the appalling loss of life in street accidents, to call a conference to consider what could be done to ensure additional safety for foot passengers.

The Anchor Line steamer "California," from Bombay, disembarked at the Prince's Stage, Liverpool, about 1,700 troops, consisting of drafts belonging to various regiments. The party also included a large number of women and children.

Sir Samuel Instone, who stated at a Hammersmith Rotary Club luncheon that over ten million sterling in bullion was carried across the Channel last year, said that the saving in interest which resulted from the speed of the transport paid for the cost of both transport and insurance.

A Cairo message states that Fahmy has been hanged. He displayed remarkable sangfroid, even assisting the jailer who unlocked his bonds. This is the ninth execution following upon the murder of the Sirdar. Most of the other condemned men died struggling violently and shrieking for mercy.

Rapid progress is being made with the new concrete highway between Heaton and Tynemouth, which is being laid down at a cost of £175,000. Three reinforced concrete bridges have already been built to carry the roadway over colliery lines. When finished, the road will be 4½ miles long, with a carriage way of 80ft.

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On Thursday, the 3rd February there will be one collection from the pillar-boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays, and also one delivery of registered correspondence from the G.P.O. at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

Messages may now be accepted for Hongkong under the same conditions and at the same rate as for Canton.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
MONDAY, JANUARY 31.	
Japan	Talamba.
Shanghai	Devanha.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.	
Japan & Shanghai	D'Artagnan.
Saigon	Angkor.
Shanghai	Sinkiang.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.	
Straits	Patroclus.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3.	
Manila	Pres. Jackson.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Taft.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.	
Shanghai	Moren.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.	
Australia & Manila	Tanda.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. McKinley.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.	
Shanghai	Sarpedon.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
MONDAY, JANUARY 31.	
Bangkok	Kwangchow 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Harrison 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.	
Haiphong	Borneo 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Devanha 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang 11.30 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 4th March. Registration 11.45 a.m. Letters 12.30 p.m.	D'Artagnan.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels noon.	
Letters 1 p.m.	Talamba 1 p.m.
Straits	Van Heutsz 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (Letters & Parcels specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Angkor 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Menado Maru 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3.	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (Letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Patroclus 9 a.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.	
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Talkwa Maru 8.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tytaroom 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Taft 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Mantua 2.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

CHINA POLICY

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toward China, and declared: "Our simple task is to get Chinese nationality recognised, and extricate ourselves from the present position, without the intervention of mobs or arms."

Mr. MacDonald apostrophised Mr. Chen as follows: "Your Nationalists demands have our complete support; but if you cannot control mobs, no effort of ours can prevent trouble, or keep your Nationalist demands in the foreground, therefore negotiate unceasingly."

To the British Government, Mr. MacDonald would say: "Face the facts. Treat China as you do Japan. Get out of the entanglement of imposed treaties. Your Christmas memorandum was good. Your declaration of January 23 is excellent."

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Birmingham, said that Sir Austen Chamberlain had shown real courage, moderation, and considerable wisdom in the general lines pursued in China. The only solution to the problem was wise and prompt concession, to the legitimate Chinese demands. The Government should protect British lives as far as humanly possible, but should not be led into expeditions to the interior.

Reuters.

Americans in China.

New York, Jan. 29. Suggestions that American nationals withdraw from China as the sequel to Mr. Kellogg's statement on China have been reaching the White House and have now elicited the reminder therefrom that American citizens went to China lawfully and are therefore entitled to their Government's protection if needed. Mr. Coolidge does not know why they should be asked to leave their property and business and it is emphasised in Washington that aid will be forthcoming on their behalf if required.

The opinion is expressed in New York that the reminder virtually notifies Americans to remain in China. It is featured in the morning papers together with a long statement by the Chinese Minister protesting against military expeditions to China as "provocative and dangerous." Reuters's American Service.

American Displeasure.

Washington, Jan. 30. According to a report, displeasure is felt in American official circles at Mr. Sze demanding a more explicit and simplified statement of American purposes in China.

State Department officials, however, refuse directly to comment on the incident. Reuters's American Service.

Coldstreams Leave.

London, Jan. 29. A great farewell was given the Second Coldstreams upon their departure for the Far East.

For the first time in their history, the Guards are going East of Suez.

An hour before the parade, officers and men stood in little groups in the square at Wellington Barracks chatting with their womenfolk. The Guards, wearing khaki, carried sun helmets, steel helmets and kitbags.

There was no ceremonial and no farewell address. The Battalion marched off as if merely proceeding on a route march, headed by the bands of the Coldstream and Scots Guards, which played many old favourites, notably "Tipperary."

Thousands of cheering spectators lined the route to Waterloo, where the guards entrained for Southampton.

The reservists wonderfully responded to the call to the colours. For instance, of 416 Middlesex reservists, only one was an absentee. Reuters.

A Post Office.

London, Jan. 29. Two batteries of mechanised artillery have been ordered to stand by in case they are wanted to supplement the pack artillery going to China.

The 21st Battery of the Fourth Peak Brigade, which is the principal arm of the artillery of the Shanghai Defence Force, has gone from Norwich to the Albert Docks, where it is embarking on the "Hermione."

It is expected that the 15th

and 20th Batteries will leave Norwich next week.

A sergeant and two sappers, the advance guard of the Army Postal Service, are travelling with the Coldstreams. This is the first time an Army post office has gone farther than South Africa. Reuters.

German Volunteers.

Cologne, Jan. 29. Numerous Germans are enquiring where they can enlist in the Shanghai Defence Force to "serve with the British for the war in China." They are astonished when informed that there is no likelihood of war, and more astonished that a "Foreign Legion" does not exist in Britain. Reuters.

United States.

Washington, Jan. 29. The cruisers Marblehead, Cincinnati and Richmond have been sent to Honolulu to await further orders. Reuters's Wireless Service.

FENGTIEN PLANS.

Chang Tso-lin Indignant.

Peking, Jan. 29. A foreign correspondent who attempted to interview Marshal Chang Tso-lin yesterday found him in a most indignant mood, owing to the alleged lack of support and sympathy from the Powers.

He declared that he needed funds for the campaign against the South, but it appeared that he felt more the small amount of face given him compared with the Southern leaders.

Chang Tso-lin is reported to have declared that he has always protected foreigners, while his opponents, who are violently anti-foreign, have driven out foreigners from the Southern provinces and adopted illegal methods, but are given greater consideration.

Chang Tso-lin intended to clear out to Mukden yesterday, recalling all Fengtien troops outside the Great Wall, but finally changed his mind and has decided to remain in Peking for the present. It appears, however, that the Fengtien troops are very unlikely to launch an attack against the South before New Year. Reuters.

SUNDAY'S MESSAGES.

Cabinet Minister's Speech.

Rugby, Jan. 29.

Referring to the Chinese problem, Mr. Walter Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, last night said: "The British Government has no aggressive motives, no lust of conquest, and no desire to damp down the national ardour and aspirations of the Chinese nation."

"The military and naval action has been taken by us simply to protect those whom it is our duty and obligation to protect."

"We are at the same time doing all we can to arrive at a possible solution with any body in China which can be said to exercise responsible government in any part of the country."

"The Chinese nation have perfectly legitimate aspirations for greater freedom and a perfect right to ask that existing Treaties should be revised and that greater independence shall be given to them."

"We entirely sympathise with those demands, but while we are ready to consider revisions of the Treaties, we must have some understanding that China will carry out the ordinary obligations of civilisation to our subjects."—British Wireless Service.

GENERAL SURVEY.

Rugby, Jan. 29. Confirmation has now been received in London that the British Government's proposals elaborated in detail the policy outlined in the December Memorandum have now been conveyed by Mr. O'Malley to Mr. Eugene Chen in Hankow, and by the British Minister to Mr. Wellington Koo in Peking.

By making a friendly offer at the same time to the Chinese authorities of the North and the South, the British Government indicates its neutrality between the warring parties and the genuineness of its conciliatory and liberal policy towards China as a whole.

Kiukiang Resumes Business. Press telegrams from China state that the commercial com-

munity in Kiukiang, following the Hankow example, have resumed business.

The situation is quiet, and hulks are being used for warehousing.

At Ichang the situation shows some improvement, and command buildings have been restored to their owners.

The situation in Hunan Province is tense as a result of the aggressive attitude of the Labour Unions.—British Wireless Service.

Peking Notified.

Peking, Jan. 28. Sir Miles Lampson handed Dr. Wellington Koo (the Premier) this evening proposals believed to be as indicated in the previous message. Reuters.

MORE TROOPS LEAVE.

London, Jan. 29. There were a number of armoured cars on the railway sidings and other warlike equipment on all sides, but there was a marked absence of public demonstrations at Southampton yesterday during the departure of 2,000 troops to China.

The Green Howard's, commanded by Lieut. Colonel McCall, in the "Assaye," and the First Devonshire's, under Colonel Scafe, in the "Kildonan Castle," departed in a choppy sea and high wind, the tommies cheering lustily. Reuters.

POSITION IN SZECHUAN.

Peking, Jan. 29. A message from Chungking states that Szechuan Province is quiet and is remaining loyal to the North.

The generals guarantee full protection. Red propaganda is making no headway.

Over 200 British and Americans are evacuating the Province within the next ten days. Reuters.

FRENCH OPINION.

Paris, Jan. 29. Opinion in France appears to be divided with regard to the respective merits of the policy of wait and see and the policy of swift diplomatic action in China.

The former is advocated in the "Matin" by M. Jules Sauerwein, who suggests that there are moderate elements within the Kuomintang who are ready to negotiate on the basis of the British Memorandum.

Britain, by sending forces to Shanghai, is strengthening the hands of the Bolsheviks, who are trying to stir up the mob and swamp the scruples of the moderates.

If all the Powers maintained the level-headedness shown by France, Japan and America it would be a simple matter to come to an understanding with the moderates in the Canton Government, provided they were treated fairly.

The League of Nations might take the initiative in studying the Chinese question.

On the other hand, the "Oeuvre" declares that France ought to follow the example of Britain and negotiate simultaneously with Peking and Canton to renounce privileges which can no longer be upheld. Reuters.

HANKOW NORMAL.

Canton, Jan. 29.

The Reuter report from Peking that conditions at Hankow are so serious that a thousand Americans and British have evacuated the place are looked on at Hankow as so absurd that it hardly merits correction.

But the continued alarmist rumours from Reuter's office at Peking concerning Hankow let a spokesman of the Nationalist Government state on Jan. 26 that it appears the bureau of the British news agency is being used as a broadcast office for anti-Nationalist propaganda.

The best proof of conditions at Hankow is the resumption of British business and banks on Monday. Conditions at Hankow are practically normal.

The London "Daily Telegraph's" statement that the diplomatic correspondence of the British authorities in China has been tampered with in Hankow is characterised by the spokesman as "a contemptible lie."—Canton Information Bureau.

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